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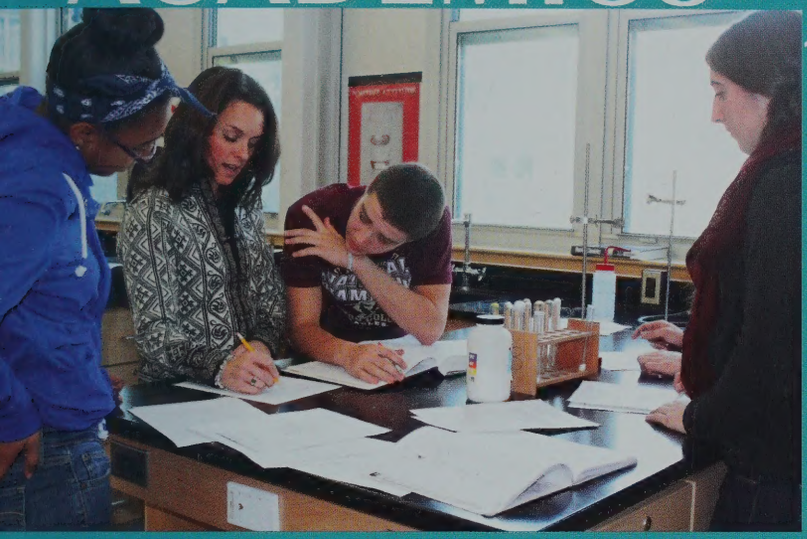

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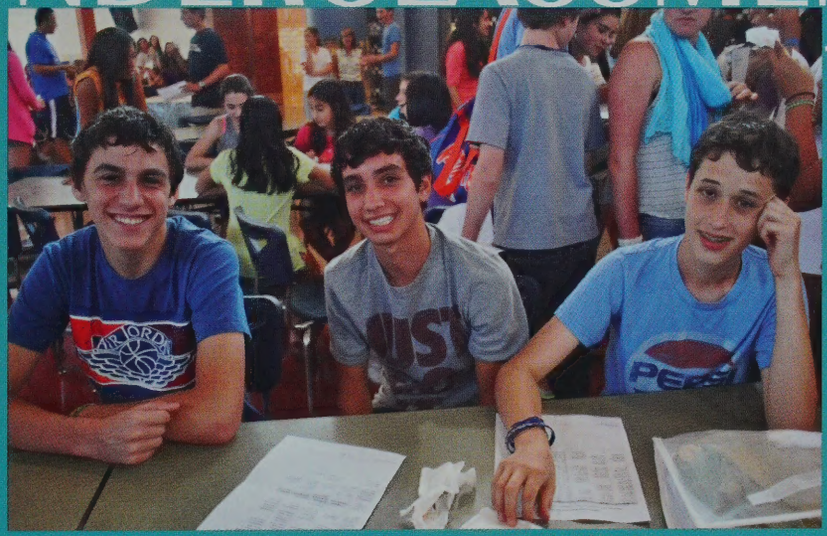

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

To the Class of 2013:

Congratulations!!

And how could four years go by so fast? Wasn't it just the other day that we were in the field house on the first day of school in September of 2009? I remember saying that we were entering as Freshmen together, and that I would be here through the four years with you. Do you remember the three keys to success I mentioned? Two were encouraging you to get involved and to get to know an adult in the building....anyone remember the third?

Your years here have been full and eventful, complete with all of the stuff of life, I am sure: highs and lows, successes and setbacks, joys and sorrows. The key is to take what you've learned during your time here and to become the self that you want to be. Relationships and friendships matter. Leave room in your pursuits for the people or activities that bring you happiness. Lead excellent lives!

The truth is, you don't need my exhortations, as you've been doing these things already. We are very proud of not only your accomplishments but who you are, and how you care for each other. You are truly an impressive class, and it has been my honor and privilege to be your principal.

Best wishes, and please come back to share your stories. We can't wait to hear what you will do next!

Sincerely,
Joel Stembridge
Principal, Newton South High School

HEART OF A LION

After three years at Newton South, we were presented with the challenge of coming up with a theme to neatly tie the school together. For a school like South, this is nearly an impossible task. There are so many ways to describe this school; so many different types of people with so many diverse hobbies and passions. While there is no quick catch phrase, singular activity or idea that all the students share; there is a common ground. Whatever it may be, each and every student has a passion, or two or three. They bring dedication and heart to their chosen endeavors, just like our mascot, the lion.

Students at South have the hearts of lions. The "Regulus" is the brightest star in the Leo Constellation, it's the heart. So for this year's yearbook we could not imagine a more fitting theme than "Heart of a Lion."

The legacy of this yearbook means a lot to us. A yearbook isn't just a photo album, it's a history book; it tells the story of our high school years every time it is read. Our goal is to preserve the memories and culture of Newton South in 2013. In years to come we hope you will look back on this yearbook, and be able to relive memories from your time at Newton South.

Sincerely,

Your Editors-In-Chief

Lily Ramin and Halley Belt

STUDENT LIFE

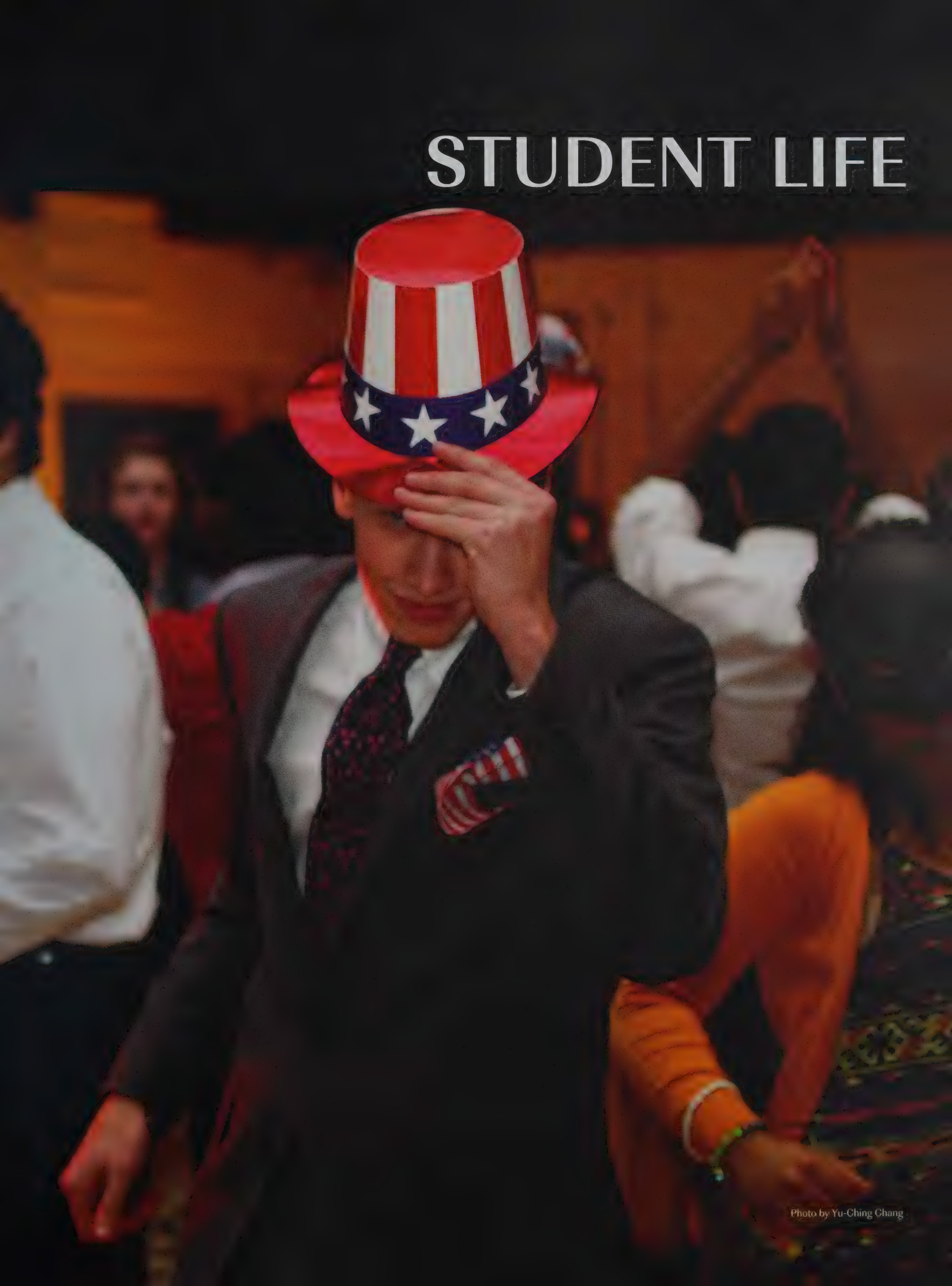


Photo by Yu-Ching Chang

Lions

Katie Summers
Class of 2016
London,
United Kingdom

After winning the state championship, Katie Summers and the eighteen members of her soccer team traveled to London over the summer. Katie visited various famous spots including the the London Eye, Big Ben and even got private tours of City of Manchester Stadium and Old Trafford. Though she was unable to watch the Olympics, one of the highlights of Katie's trip was meeting one of the torchbearers from the Olympics and holding the torch.

Katie believes that the trip solidified her friendships with the other girls on the team. "Those 18 girls I traveled with bonded with me so well, and I can say without any hesitation that they will always have my back," said Katie. "Even our soccer improved because of this trip, because our trust in each other after those two weeks developed."

Photo contributed by Katie Summers

Photo contributed by Brendan Duggan

Brendan Duggan
Class of 2015
Kwala, and
Dar Es Salaam
Tanzania

This past summer, Brendan Duggan spent two weeks visiting Kwala and Dar es Salaam with Newton Tanzania Collaborative (NTC). NTC is a non profit organization that works to improve educational opportunities in schools and Tanzania, and to connect people from Newton to Tanzania through cultural exchange. While in Tanzania, Brendan went on a two day safari and helped paint and put together a library. Working on the library was a fun and rewarding experience because he knew that the locals were going to benefit from it.

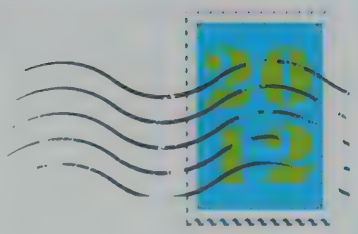
Because Brendan had already visited Tanzania the summer of 2010 he already knew some people from the village, and had a sense for the overall atmosphere. "Interacting with the locals was awesome because they were really funny and fun to talk to," said Brendan. His favorite part of the trip was playing soccer with the kids, talking to the adults, and being a part of the community.

Top: Katie Summers, sixth from the right, stands near Tower Bridge with her soccer team as the the Olympic rings dangle overhead.
Above: Brendan Duggan hugs one of the kids he met in Kwala.

Abroad

On July 10, Astha Agarwal went on a life changing trip, visiting two Ekal Vidyalaya schools in the villages of Gandharpara and Boyermari, in West Bengal India. While visiting the two villages, Astha participated in a cultural exchange with the Vidyalaya children, who presented their talents by writing, singing, and dancing. "Although I cannot speak Bengali," Astha said, "I felt that in the hour or so that I spent in the Vidyalaya, a bond so strong – surpassing all language barriers – had formed between me and all the students that I did not want to leave their school at all."

During the school year, Astha organizes an annual Walk for Literacy that raises awareness for one-teacher schools in rural Indian villages. She feels that this trip has inspired her: "[the children] not only made me more determined to persevere in my own academic career, but motivated me to step up my efforts in bringing an Ekal education to other Indian children."



Astha Agarwal
Class of 2014
Gandharpara and
Boyermari,
West Bengal, India

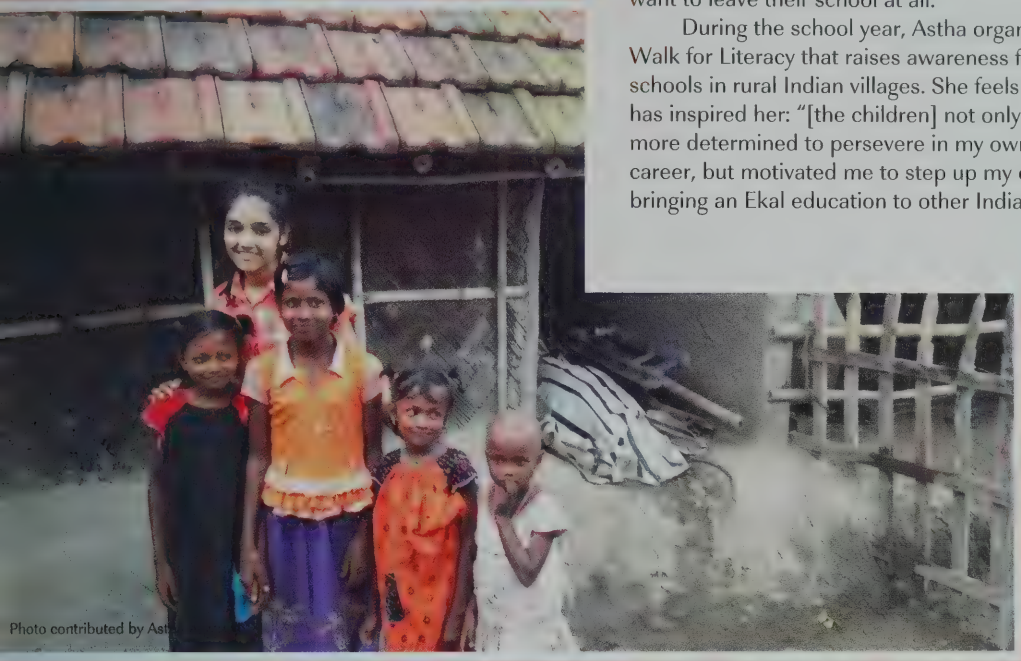


Photo contributed by Ast

Photo contributed by Shawheen Rezaei

Top: Astha Argawal posses with a group of children at one of the Ekal Vidyalaya schools she visited. *Above:* Shawheen Rezaei stands in Wadi Rum, after camping out on top the sand and riding the camels.

Shawheen Rezaei spent six weeks this past summer in Jordan for an internship with Wipro, an international IT company. On weekdays, Shawheen attended four hour immersion classes to learn Arabic. In addition, he advertised Wipro's partnership with State Street by writing a newsletter. For the first three weeks of his trip, Shawheen stayed with a host family in Amman. "I feel as though the host family component of the trip had a lasting impression on me," said Shawheen. "I was really able to develop close bonds with humans that live half a world away from me. Those connections and human interactions are what I will never forget."

Over the duration of the program, Shawheen was able to visit other parts of Jordan and gained a broader perspective on today's global world. "I think as humans in this world, we need to build strong relationships with people classified as 'the other' in order to promote a better humanity for all."

Shawheen Rezaei
Class of 2013
Amman, Jordan

South Style

Alex and Ani Bracelets

Seniors Edina Shu, Ariel Kalotkin, and Sima Kasraie (above) wear Alex and Ani jewelry because the brand is unique and versatile. "I like Alex and Ani because they have little charms that represent who I am and are easy to match my outfits," said Edina Shu.

Mix and Match

Sophomores Sydney Voss-Kernan and Ashley Heesch (right) like to pair combat boots and scarves with their outfits. because they can add a splash of color and tie an outfit together. "I try not to stick to wearing the same type of thing everyday," Ashley Heesch said, "I like to switch up the patterns, colors, and styles."

Lululemon

Faith Bergman (right) is a Lululemon fanatic; she wears different colored headbands, shirts, and leggings everyday. "A lot of people wear [Lululemon] because of its comfort and high quality fabric," she said. Lululemon's comfortable attire has made Faith a devoted fan.

Warm and Cozy

During chilly New England winter, Freshmen Noa Leiter and Julia Payne (right) know they can always rely on their classic pairing of knit sweaters and combat boots. "I really like comfortable clothing but I still try and look put together while still being casual," said Julia Payne. "Combat boots are more comfortable than most 'stylish' shoes and can be worn with many outfits," Noa Leiter added. "I think combat boots are so popular because you can wear them everyday, but slight changes can make them unique!"

Staff Swag

P.J. Jordan-Quern

Ms. Kamerik

Mr. Banks

Ms. Honeyman

'Lani Tyler-Araujo, Essence Asamoah
Stephanie Foster
Liana Butchard
Higor Correa
Emily Lily Oxenaar
Leah Jacobson
Taylor Beidler
Joe Hickey, Marini Lopci
Lili Kadets
Dan Kaufman
Emma Race
Jake Alexander
Frances Christakis
Dan Ehrlich
Rebecca Kalissa
Harley Greene, Maggie Whalen
Mara Ezekiel
Patrick Torres
Catharine Pierce, Dixie Marr
Ben Eisenberg
Emma Spector
Dina Busaba, Tom Howe

What is on your bucket list?

Land a helicopter on the roof.

-Daniel Poe

Daniel Poe

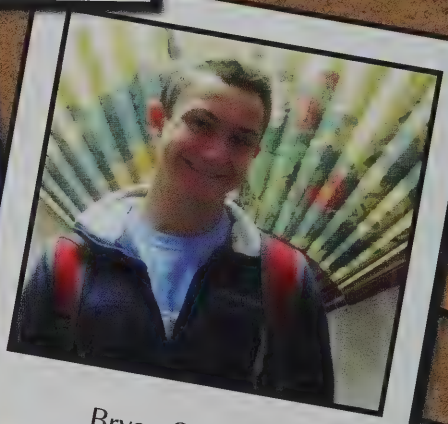
Find a cure for cancer.

-Anonymous

Emma Sander

Swim with dolphins.

-Emma Sander



Bryan Sellars

Bungee Jump.

-Bryan Sellars

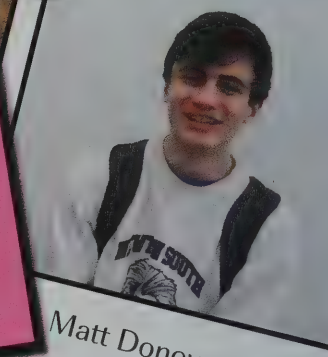
Go deep sea diving.

-Ilias Vamvakas

Charlotte Levine

Find Waldo.

-Charlotte Levine



Matt Donovan

Win a karaoke contest.

-Kristen Magliozzi

Go to Africa and see an elephant.

-Nicki Oppenheim

Collaborate with No Trace!

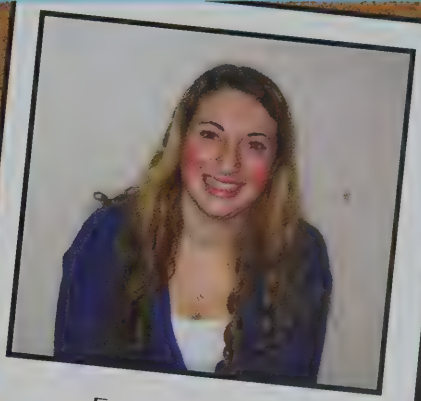
-Matt Donovan

Ziqing Zhao

Travel the world.

-Ziqing Zhao

Go in an RV across the country.
-Emily Goldstein



Emily Goldstein

Go to Fiji.

-Alex Robertson

Alex Cohen

Ride the Vomit Comet.
-Alex Cohen

Skydive.

-Phil Tsien

Become a millionaire.

-Anonymous

Play really loud music while stuck in traffic and get everyone to sing along.
-Allie Lushan

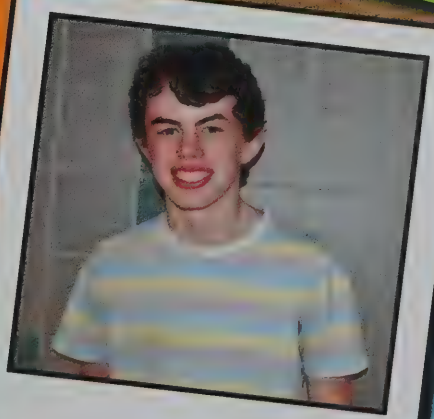
Learn Arabic in Egypt.

-Alyssa Erspamer

Ariel Kalotkin & Sima Kasraie

Spin a globe and wherever our fingers land, we will go there on an adventure together!

-Sima Kasraie and Ariel Kalotkin



Max MacKenzie

Draw a perfect circle.

-Max MacKenzie

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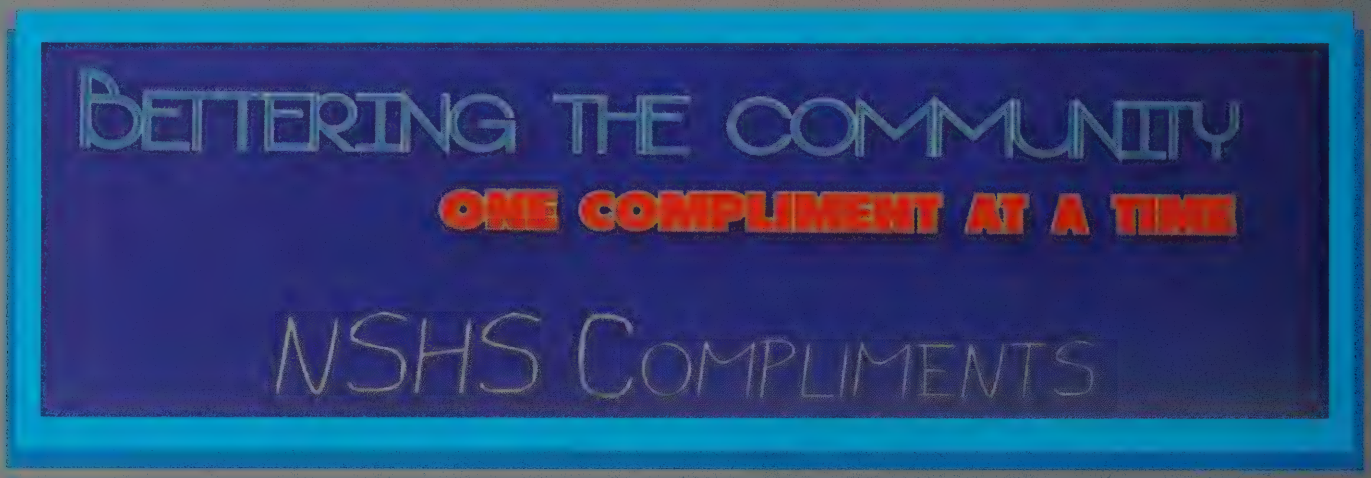
Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram
Welcome to the Life of a Teenager

Social Media

NSHS Compliments

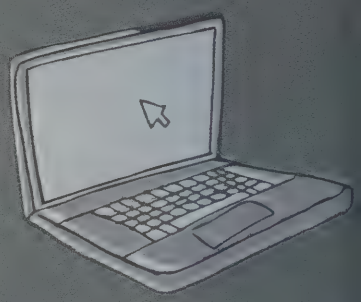
NSHS Compliments was created this year by an anonymous Newton South student. The goal of NSHS Compliments is to "spread the love" and "spread happiness" throughout the Newton South High School community. It is a completely anonymous page on Facebook where students have the ability to send a compliment to another student without them knowing who the compliment is from. NSHS Compliments is based on similar efforts by Queen's University, Columbia, and Princeton. The page was well received by the Newton South community, and continues to put smiles on people's faces.



Top Social Media Sites

1. Facebook – 78%
2. Snapchat – 9%
3. Twitter – 8%
4. Instagram – 5%

About 100 Newton South students were surveyed, and the majority chose Facebook as their top social media site. Even though all of the other sites are well-liked throughout our student body, Facebook is the most popular.



facebook

Instagram

Facebook

Twitter

Snapchat

Which social media site would you check first after being stranded on a desert island with no communication?

"I would choose Facebook because there is no better way to connect with friends and stay in the loop. If I had my phone on the island, I could use the Twitter feature of Facebook and set my status as "help!" "

Tom Howe
Junior

"I would choose Twitter so that I could check what everyone has been up to. Also, it would be a good way to find out what happened around the world while I was on the stranded island. "

Jade Tang
Sophomore

THEY SAID WHAT?

"I would choose Facebook because it's the one I use the most and I feel the most connected to. Also, I use it to find out big news from the people I'm friends with. More of my friends use Facebook than any other social media site."

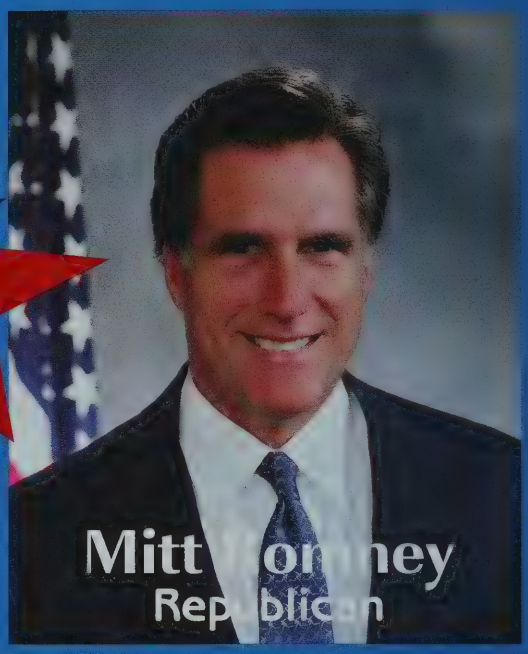
Caroline Leong
Junior

"I would check Facebook first, especially because I don't have any of the others."

Joey Pincus
Senior

ELECTION 2012

VS.

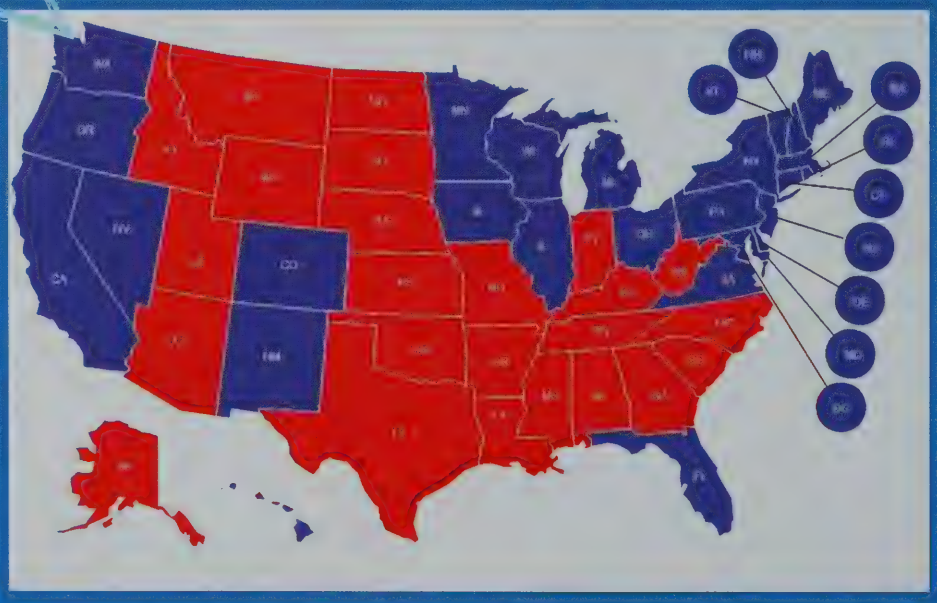


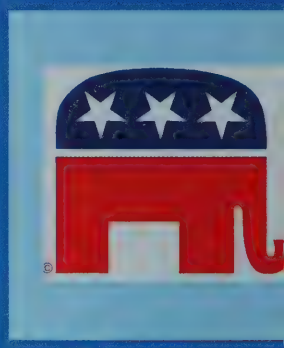
FORWARD.

ROMNEY
BELIEVE IN AMERICA

ELECTORAL COLLEGE BREAKDOWN

Obama
332 votes





Romney
206 votes

"I wanted Romney to win because I liked his policies on tax reduction."
-Brad Weissel
Class of 2016

"I wanted Obama to win because he supports anti-racist laws."
-Sun Li
Class of 2015

"I have never procrastinated this much in any other year. It's all Obama's fault."
-Ryan Spatz
Class of 2014

"I didn't care who won because ultimately, it doesn't matter who the president is. They can't do anything."
-Han Zhang
Class of 2013

They said what? memorable quotes from the candidates

"I went to a number of women's groups and said, 'Can you help us find folks?' and they brought us whole binders full of women."
-Romney, October 16, 2012

"Well, Governor, we also have fewer horses and bayonets because the nature of our military has changed. We have these things called aircraft carriers where planes land on them. We have these ships that go underwater, nuclear submarines."
-Obama, October 22, 2012

"I'm sorry, Jim, I'm going to stop the subsidy to PBS. I'm going to stop other things. I like PBS, I love Big Bird. Actually like you, too. But I'm not going to -- I'm not going to keep on spending money on things to borrow money from China to pay for. That's number one."
-Romney, October 3, 2012

"I don't look at my pension. It's not as big as yours so it doesn't take as long."
-Obama, October 16, 2012

"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what ... who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims. ... These are people who pay no income tax. ... and so my job is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them that they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."
-Romney, May 17, 2012

South SIBLINGS

The Colemans

The Morrises

The Meiravs

The Kaufmans

The Wangs

The Ramins

The Hurwitzs

The Zhangs

The Kims

Tal and Roee Grutman enjoy going to school with each other. According to Tal, "it's cool that [we] are both parts of the same community." Tal can help his brother make the right class choices as well as helping him studying for his math tests. The brothers' best memories come from going out to eat together. Tal says, "it's nice getting away from friends or family and just going to eat somewhere." Although people sometimes refer to Roee as "Tal's brother," they both agree that it is nice to see each other in the hallways.

Grutmans

The Andrews

The Kadets

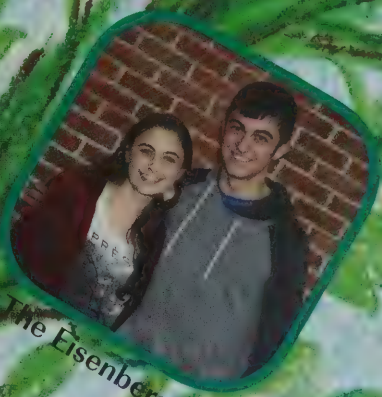
The Ciprianos

The McVities

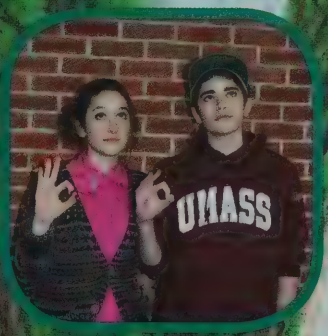
The Chens

The MacKenzies

The Wests



The Eisenbergs



The Tuvals

Shus

Edina Shu said that going to school with her brother, Ben, "is kind of funny- seeing him in the hallways is like peeking into his social life." She admits that there are both pros and cons to going to school with her brother, but in the end the pros overrule. Edina always is willing to help her brother with anything from social advice to math homework.

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South SIBLINGS

The Dragats

The Trasks

The Rhynds

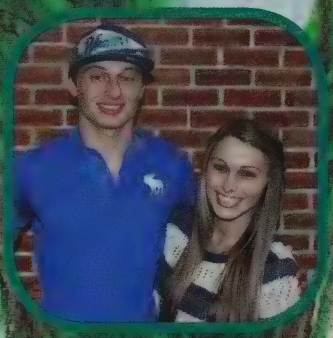
The Katissas

The Chans

The Dellheims

The Willets

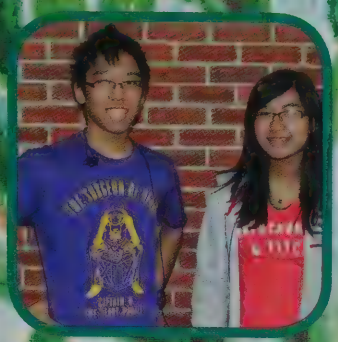
The Abramsons


The Spinks

Jordi Batler has a younger brother, Phil, who has not been in the same school with her since she was ten years old. Jordi thought that it would feel strange to see him in the halls, but "it's funny when we make eye contact." One perk in their relationship at school includes their agreement to switch off making runs to Dunkin Donuts in the mornings. However, Jordi and Phil dislike being compared by their classmates, which is inevitable when they go to the same school. Regardless, Jordi loves giving Phil tips about South, such as showing him how to study for his classes.

Batlers

The Hazans



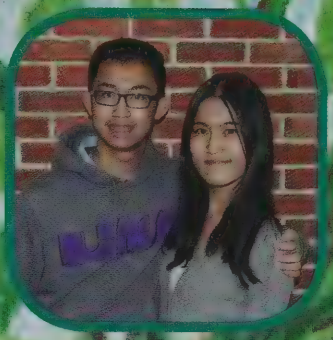
The Mans

The Dares

The Vertes

The Ghans

The Clementes



The Mas

The Chois

The Nessons

Houston-Reads

Sam Houston-Read's little sister Rebecca is a sophomore, and she has been at South with him for two years. They both enjoy many of the same things, for instance, playing sports. They often go to watch each other's games to cheer the other sibling on. Sam doesn't like it when Rebecca asks him to drive her places because it feels as though she is always asking. But, overall, he likes how he "can tell her what classes to take and talk to her about teachers." They always have a lot to say to each other, which is what makes them so close.

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South SIBLINGS

The Whalens

The Cens

The Shear-Yashubs

The Keos

The Epshteins

The Strickers

The Ebermans

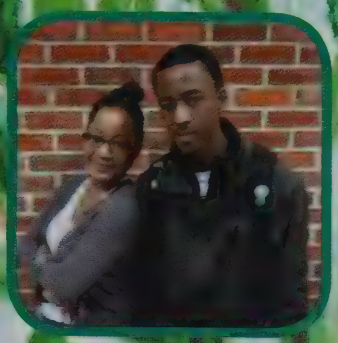
The Los

The Finns

Sean Dimarco enjoys seeing his sister Maggie Dimarco in school because he loves to "tease her in the hallway when she is around her friends," drawing many funny looks from passing students. Sean's protective instincts came out one day as Maggie was having difficulties with her classmates he came to the rescue. Though there are many pros and cons to their relationship in school, Sean believes the best aspect is that he gets to "hear about the hilarious mistakes Maggie makes throughout high school." Overall, Sean likes having his sister around the school.

Dimarcos

The Warnkes



The Joneses

The Geltmans

The Swetzs

The Jamirs

The Slabines

The Friedlands

The Herases

The Roberts

The Kims

Apothekers

Danica Apothekers said that having a freshman brother "feels weird, however I like having him here to know what he is doing." Because of their age difference, this is the first year being at school together since elementary school. Danica loved helping Daniel find his way around school for the first week because she always wished she had someone to help her out when she was going through her own experiences. The most interesting moment she had with her brother was during the summer when they "were on the beach getting on boogie boards." It was fun for them because they spent the whole day together, catching waves and tackling each other. Danica likes her relationship with her brother because he is always around to talk to and hang out with. The only possible complaint that she can think of in regards to having a younger brother is that "he knows exactly what gets on my nerves and how to irritate me."

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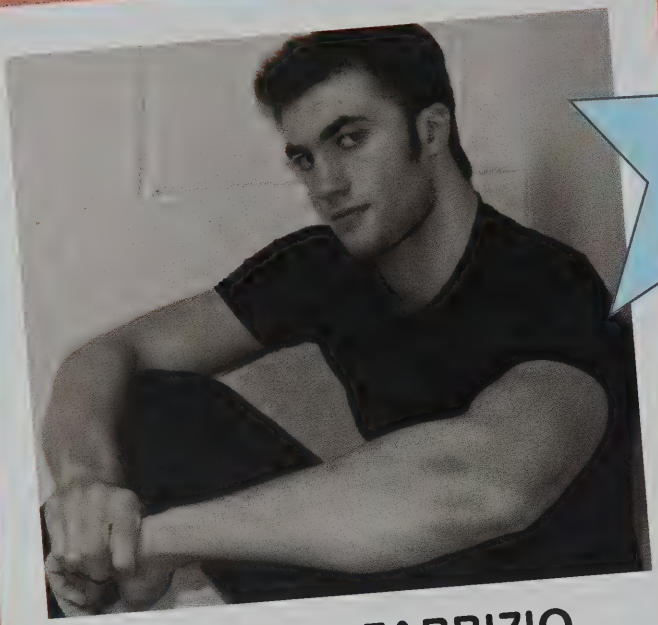
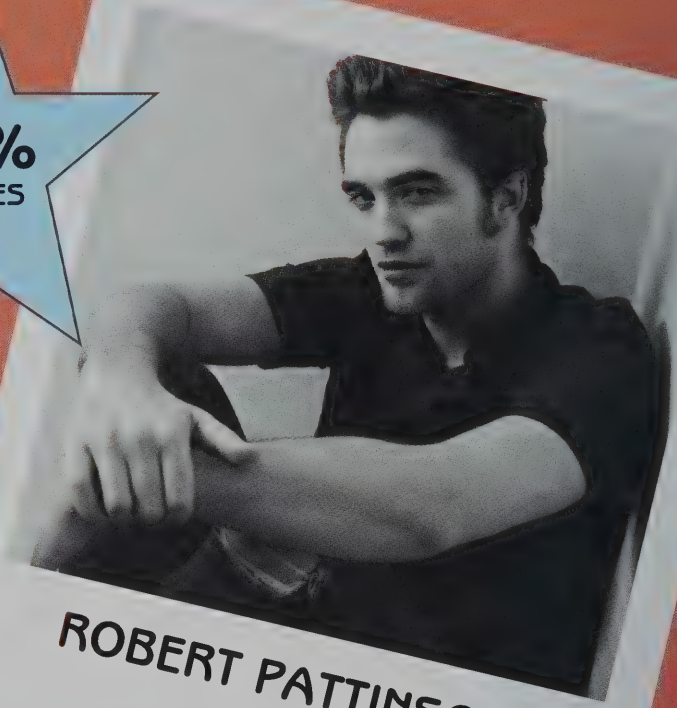
SENIOR LOOK-ALIKES



PATRICK FABRIZIO

90%
Said YES



ROBERT PATTINSON

KELLY LO

75%
Said YES

SANDRA OH

CAROLINE ZOLA

SASHA BORODA

Freshman

65%

Said YES

63%

Said YES

JOE HICKEY

LUCAS TILL

ELIZABETH BARNETT

TAYLOR SWIFT

62%

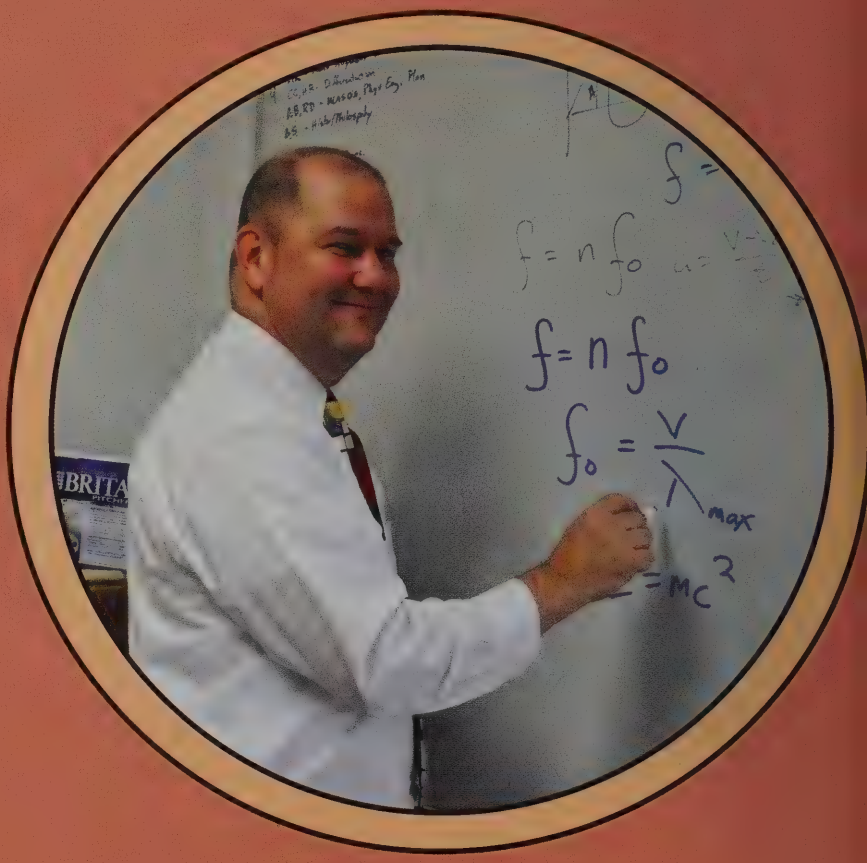
Said YES

This year, Mr. Banks became the new Goldrick Housemaster. He also teaches a Junior English class. Mr. Banks loves dancing, reading, awkward moments, and reality TV. He admits he has a strange obsession with pop culture, and says he would like to teach a class on the subject. Mr. Banks says that he is "impressed with the knowledge and skill base in both the students and faculty at South." Everyone has been "very welcoming and friendly," he said.

Nice To Meet You!

New Faces At South

Mr. Gagnon is the new Head of the Science Department this year. He originally taught physics at Needham High School. He likes to play jazz on the trombone and tuba, and used to direct a marching band. He says he likes teaching science because "it's an opportunity to let students see the world through a new lens." Mr. Gagnon says that he's "really happy to join Newton South. My staff is dedicated and very talented. My students have been great, and I really enjoy the culture of the building. The student body here seems like a very balanced, well-rounded group."



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Free Blocks!

Q: How do you spend your free blocks?

Sophie Cash

"I like to catch up on some reading!"

Marjorie O'Hearne

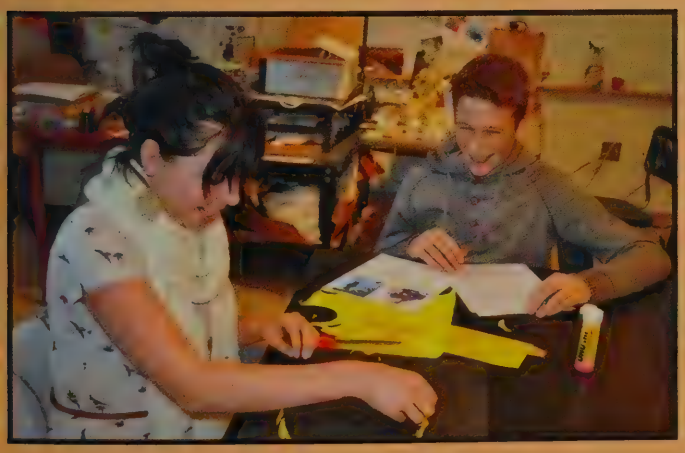
"You can find me studying on the couch in the art room!"

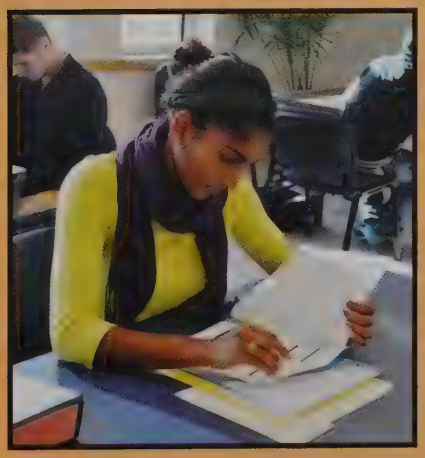
Elie McAfee-Hahn

"I like chilling out with friends or goofing off."

Free blocks are a key part of any balanced schedule. At South, students enjoy a variety of activities during their free blocks, ranging from sharing a moment with friends to grabbing a bite to eat off campus.

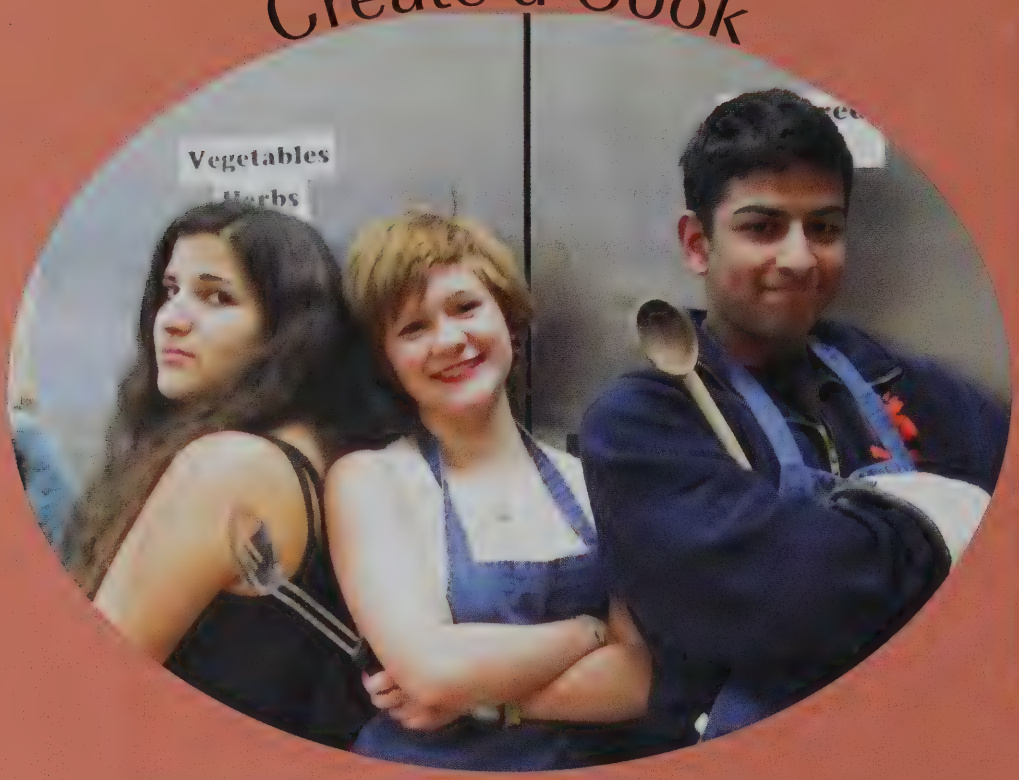
Left: Charlotte Huth and Mark Hochberg share a joke in the photo room.
Bottom Left: Lily Oxenaar and Patrick Gloria use their time to create some art.
Bottom Center: Alekhya Charparala studies between classes.
Bottom Right: Josh Vertes skates around South.





The College Fund
South Student Jobs

Create a Cook



Gil Blume, Nicole Vertescher, and Joe Joseph all work at Create a Cook.

Create a Cook

Location: 53 Winchester Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461

Employee Perks:
"We always get to eat the extra food."-Gil Blume

"You can learn a lot by listening to the cooking lessons."
-Joe Joseph

Peet's Coffee & Tea

Sophie Sophie Scharlin-Pettee and Maddie Emmett roast coffee beans.

Peet's Coffee & Tea

Location: 776 Beacon Street, Newton Centre, MA, 02459

Life Lessons: "I've learned how to balance working a lot of hours with school work. I've learned time management."
-Maddie Emmett

New England Soup Factory

Nathan Matzka helps a customer.

New England Soup Factory

Location: 244 Needham Street, Newton MA 02464

On Team Work: "Everybody has responsibilities from cashiering to making sure that the soups and deli case are being refilled. Everyone is an important piece in making the team and the restaurant succeed. "
-Nathan Matzka

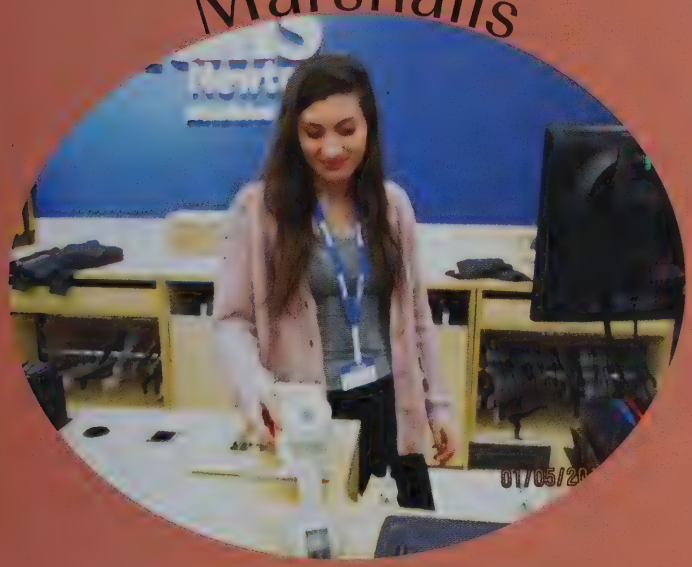
Kids Street

Location: 71 Fourth Avenue, Needham Heights, MA 02494

Responsibilities: setting up and running birthday parties for kids.

Life Lessons: experience working with children and adults in an out-of-school context

Marshalls



Sara Clemente rings up an item.

Kids Street

Hannah Wayne greets children and parents.

Marshalls

Location: 275 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464

Life Lessons: "I've learned how to how to have professional relationships with people of all ages."

Advice:"Always work on Sundays. You get time and a half."
-Sara Clemente

Modells

Location: 210 Needham Street, Newton, MA 2464

Interesting Experience: "I had someone swap out expensive shoes with a cheaper shoe box, and when I caught them they tried to blame it on me."
-Max Milliman

Modells

Max Milliman checks the merchandise.

Senior RIDES

Tiki Davidoff

2010 Toyota FJ Cruiser
"The Off Roader"
Pros: No other senior has the FJ Cruiser, and it is awesome to drive, due to its off road capabilities.

Nicholas Reed

2012 Audi Q5
"Can You Find Yoonchan?"
Pros: The car has a Bang & Olufsen sound system.

Kristen Cipriano

2001 Dodge Durango
"Durango Unchained"
Pros: "Not very many people have this car."

Lauren Astrachan

2000 Honda Civic
"The Jelly Bean"
Pros: "The penguin duct tape adds style to an already beautiful car."

Connor MacBain

2003 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD
"Big Orange"
Pros: Big Orange is a 1000 ton truck, which is necessary to transport appliances for his charity, Act Up.

Dan Kaufman

1977 Motobecane Mobylette
"Lucille"
Pros: "This moped gets 100 miles per gallon, it's compact, and it's French, so it's extremely romantic."

Halley Belt

2010 Volvo XC 90
"The Bronze Mobile"
Pros: This car has reliable navigation, leather seats, and good speakers.

Alanna Milshtein

2007 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited
"The Fire Truck"
Pros: The roof and doors come off for summer driving.

Brian Spink

2012 Ford F250 Diesel
"Big Car on Campus"
Pros: "It is the biggest car in the lot and it is really convenient for carrying heavy items."

Aaron Zaichik-Winnick

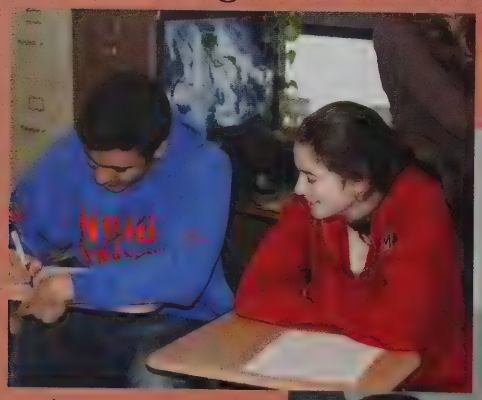
2011 Chevy Camaro
"The Bat Mobile"
Pros: "The car is a lot of fun to drive, and it really feels like driving the bat mobile."

Photos by Minh-An Quinn and Halley Belt

Global Communities

The Global Communities program is a three-year interdisciplinary learning community featuring linked history and English classes, as well as sciences in senior year. The structure of the classes is unique- honors, Curriculum I, and Curriculum II students all learn in the same classroom. Junior Jenny Kim believes the Global class setting benefits all levels. "Being in a mixed-level class has taught me a lot. Sometimes honors people lead discussions, and they help add more insightful thoughts, but sometimes the Curriculum I and II students will throw out an idea that no one could ever think of," she said.

In terms of the actual curriculum, Global teachers put emphasis on the global perspective. "We try to make a conscious effort to, for example, not just look at the U.S. through its own lens but also how it connects to other parts of the world," said history teacher Mr.Thompson. Current events assignments and group projects are common in Global classes, because they help reinforce the focus on global significance while fostering a sense of community among students in the program.



Above Left: Khashayar Dashti and Liza Bialik sit in their Global class.

Left: Global juniors Yasmine Hashemi, Alekhya Chaparala, Matt Marcus, Connor Donahue, Gabe Honigsberg, Beth Yudelman, and Peter Walsh engage in discussion during class.

Morocco

In March, a group of Global seniors organized and embarked on a trip to Morocco. They trekked through Todra Gorge and the Sahara, taking in the spectacular scenery and bonding with students, teachers, and Moroccan guides. "I expected to get close to the other students we went with on the trip, but what really surprised me is that we got to know our guides as well," said Laura Kessel.

"They all went over to Morocco with a particular topic in mind that they wanted to study while they were there. So for example one group was looking at why Morocco didn't have an Arab spring. So we found out the beginning of some answers as a result of talking to people and asking about their system and why they're happy with their government."

-Mr Kessel

Photographs contributed by Laura Kessel

Above: (back row) Alona Meirav, Benyamin Meschede-Krasa, Cate Eberman, Hannah Robins, Jenny Kaufman, Leah McTigue, Ami Kutzen, Ana Dario, Mon Henglin, *(front row)* Ms. Rosen, Laura Kessel, Mina Willett, Suzy Landon and Leo Schumann pose for a group picture in Morocco.

TEACHER

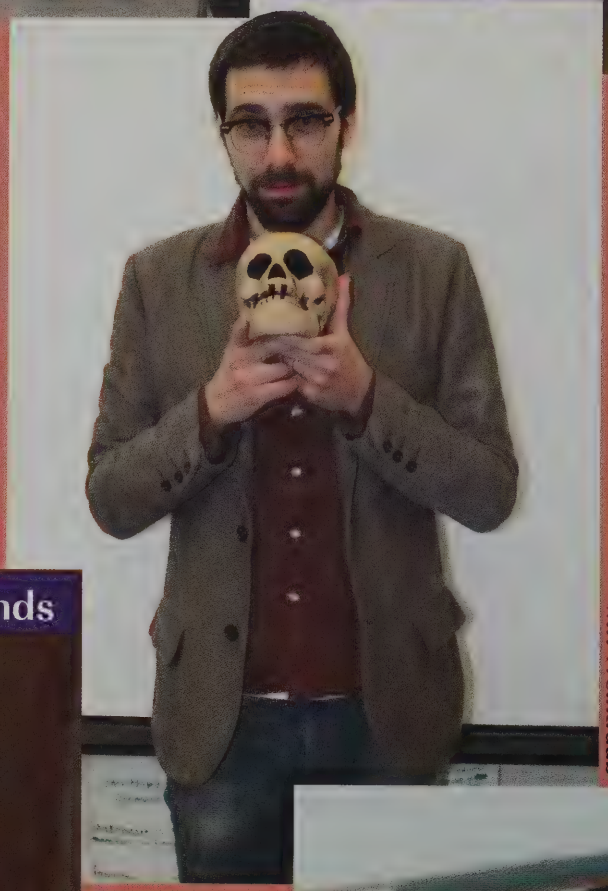
Best Dressed

Ms. Elpern & Mr. Jampol

Most Athletic

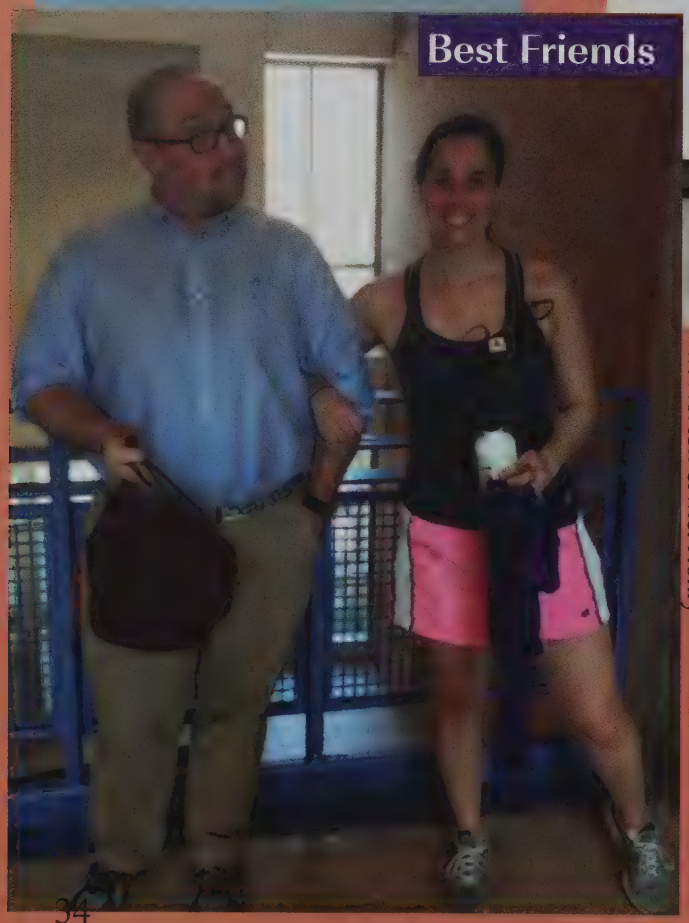
Mr. Kelly

Biggest Hipster



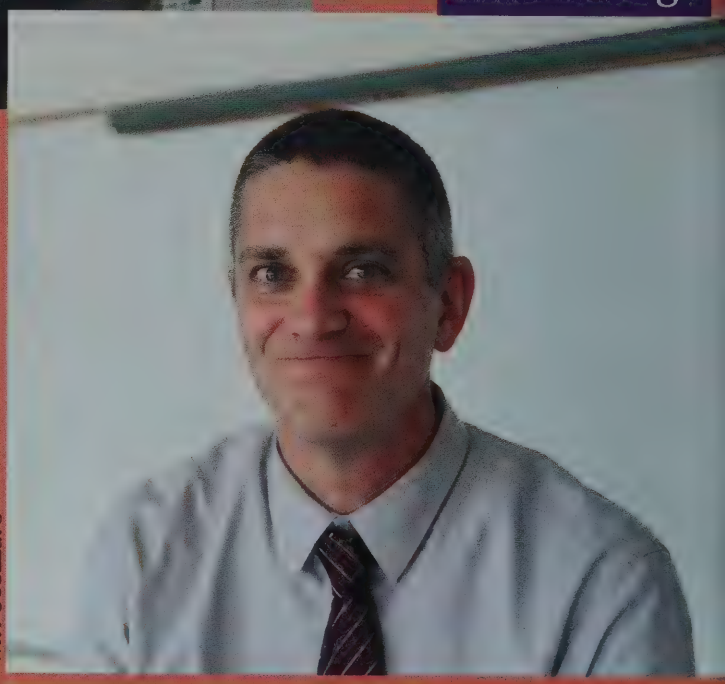
Mr. Weintraub

Best Friends



Mr. Norton & Ms. Henry

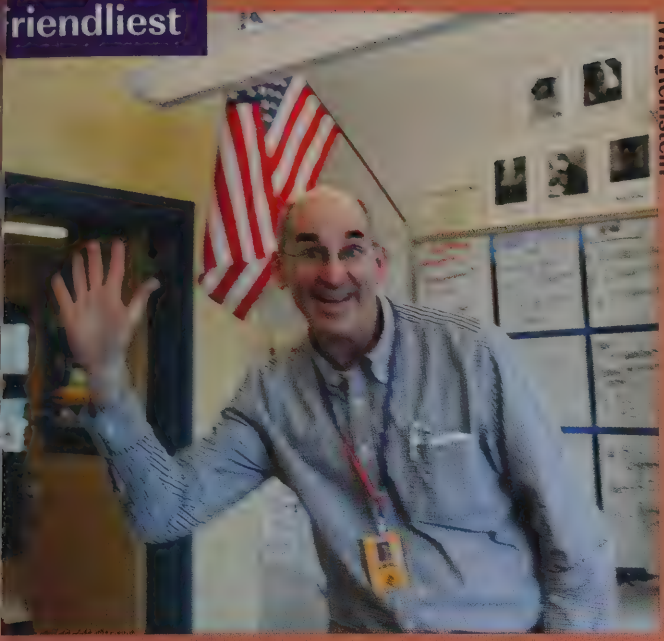
Most Average



Mr. Scozzaro

Superlatives

Friendliest



Mr. Reinstein

Most Sarcastic Sense of Humor

Mr. Murphy

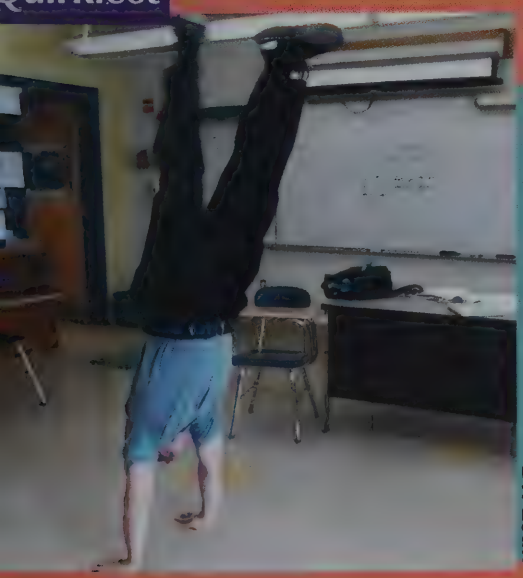
Best Personality

Ms. Bhattacharya

Most Involved

Ms. Bolstad, Ms. Downey, and Ms. Dimmick

Quirkiest



Dr. Estin

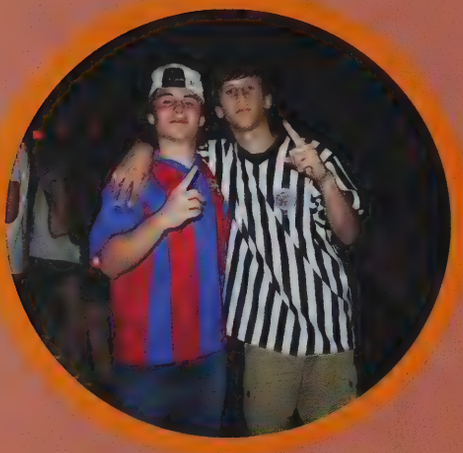
Trick or Treat!

Halloween at South

Sara Wang *(Top left)*:
Q: What is the funniest costume you have ever seen?
A: My friend's aunt was pregnant that year, so she dressed up as a oven and her belly had a bun on it! Her husband was dressed as a baker.

Guya Tuval *(Top right)*:
Q: What is your favorite thing to do on Halloween?
A: Dressing up!

David Kennedy *(Bottom left)*:
Q: What's the best costume you've ever worn?
A: I'd have to say this year when I was a referee.



Courtney Foster *(Bottom right)*:
Q: What is the craziest costume you have ever seen on Halloween?
A: My friend dressed up in a giant inflatable bull suit one year. It was something like eight feet tall and he had to take it off after the first house we went to because he couldn't see.

Q & A

What's your favorite candy?

Heath Bars
-Josh Sapers, Senior

M&M's
-Essence Asamoah, Sophomore

Snickers
-Harry Nanthakumar, Junior

Almond Joys
-Talia Vicars, Freshman

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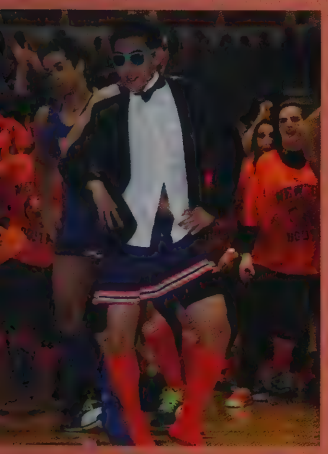
Top Left: The NSHS Cheerleading Squad performs a routine.
Top Right: The Newtones pose before their big performance
Middle Left: Selene Weekes, Elena Ramos, Laura Kessel, Francesca Sands, Abby Coleman, Charlotte Levine, Cate Eberman, Emily Sharp, Lauren Astrachan, Emma Race, and Louisa Warnke represent the Class of 2013.
Middle Right: Class officers Chelsea Jones and Shawheen Rezaei sporting their class jerseys
Third Row Left: Yoonchan Choi leads the seniors' routine as Psy from Gangnam Style.
Third Row Right: The NSHS Dance team shows off their moves.
Bottom: Juniors Esther Cho, Caitlin McDonald, Yasmine Hashemi, and Marjorie O'Hearne cheer on their classmates.



Pep Rally

The annual pep rally is held at South to gather steam for the upcoming Powderpuff game. This year's rivalry amongst the grades was especially intense, as each grade fiercely cheered on their fellow classmates in small games. Junior Benson Tai, who participated in the relay race, said, "It was really nerve-racking because I basically had the whole junior class counting on me! But, I had a lot of fun competing against the other classes." This year's pep rally featured performances by the Cheerleading Squad, Newtones, and the Dance Team, as well as the dance routines performed by the Juniors and Seniors.

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Connection DETECTION!

13 Degrees of Separation

Start

Juniors Caroline Melly and Camille Stubbe went to Camp Meadowlark together growing up.

Sophomore Maggie DiMarco and Senior Sam Caster ride the same bus to school.

Junior Camille Stubbe's and senior Laura Kessel's mothers attended college together. Their fathers attended college together as well.

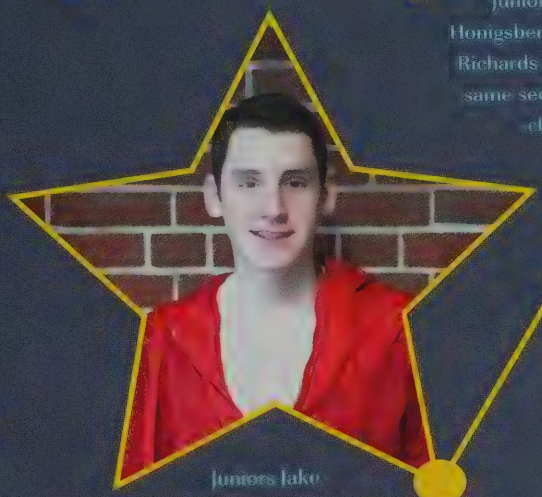
Senior Maggie Whalen and Sophomore Maggie DiMarco have the same first and middle names.

Seniors Laura Kessel and Maggie Whalen were on the same Relay for Life team in 2012.

Seniors Sam Casler and Shawheen Rezaei have 265 mutual Facebook friends.

Juniors Gabe Honigsberg and Abbie Richards were in the same second grade class.

Senior Shawheen Rezaei and Freshman David Zhang are in the same BC Calculus class.



Juniors Jake Jermanok and Gabe Honigsberg have been best friends since they were two years old.

Freshman David Zhang plays in the orchestra at Newton South that senior Derek Mei conducts.

Senior Ami Kutzen and Junior Jake Jermanok are first cousins.

Seniors Derek Mei and Ami Kutzen are in the same Sustainability class.

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CLUBS

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Junior Editors-In-Chief

Anna Alsop and Emily Goldstein

Regulus' Amazing Staff

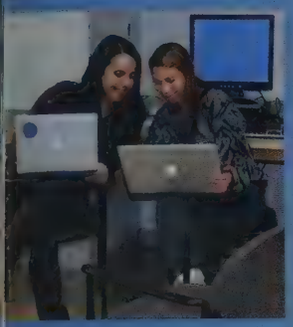
Left: (Back row) Jade Tang, Rachel Jung, Sabreena Mei, Zac Davidson, Leah Jacobson, Minh-An Quinn, *(Middle row)* Lauren Astrachan, Abby Coleman, Ally Delheim, Ariel Kalotkin, Sima Kasraie, *(Front row)* Anna Alsop, Halley Belt, Lily Ramin, Emily Goldstein, and Ms. Braman-Parikh

Regulus 2013 Yearbook Club

Over the course of the year, the Regulus staff interviewed, surveyed, took pictures of, and designed the hundreds of pages that make up the yearbook. "Yearbook is a lot of work and deadlines are really long, but it's worth it because the end product is something everyone in the school can enjoy," junior Minh-An Quinn said. After collaborating and helping each other meet deadlines, the staff became very close. Sophomore Jade Tang added, "I love how the editors-in-chief help other people out. When we get frustrated with our pages, they give us support and make the whole club feel like a family."

While much time is spent gathering information, the final step, putting the pages together, is by far the most important. "When laying out pages, I try to use my artistic sense and design skills in order to portray our student body in the best possible light. It takes hard work, dedication, and long hours outside of school," says senior Sima Kasraie. The collective effort and creativity of the Regulus staff help to create a publication that will last for decades.

Top Left: Jade Tang, Abby Coleman, and Anna Alsop; *Top Right:* Min-An Quinn and Halley Belt; *Middle:* Sabreena Mei; *Bottom Left:* Rachel Jung and Leah Jacobson; *Bottom Middle:* Lily Ramin and Lauren Astrachan; *Bottom Right:* Emily Goldstein, Sima Kasraie, and Ariel Kalotkin



Adviser

Ms. Braman-Parikh

Senior Editors-In-Chief

"A yearbook isn't just a photo album: it tells a story of our high school years every time it is opened. This special storybook captures the moments that passed in order to make the memories last. In a sense, a yearbook has the power to not only record but to stop time. As a co-editor-in-chief, my goal is to preserve the memories and culture of my high school years. Years after graduation, people will return to their yearbooks to reminisce about their experiences. Knowing that former students can look back at their yearbooks and enjoy what they see is a great joy. It is so rewarding to have been a part of creating this publication not only because yearbook is way for me to express my creativity but it has also taught me how to be a leader. I am so grateful for my experiences with Lily as editors-in-chief and hope that you all enjoy the yearbook as much as we do."
-Halley

Halley Belt and Lily Ramin

"I first joined Regulus as a sophomore. It has been gratifying to watch it improve so significantly each year. Undoubtedly it is a lot of work; but with each arising issue, I've learned to be a better problem solver. Although my job as co-editor in chief is filled with challenges, each solution is truly a learning experience for both the staff and me. Yearbook has been both a creative outlet for me, and an opportunity to grow as a leader. Most importantly, by being a member of the yearbook I have been able to spend a lot of time with such an excellent group of people. Our community is tight-knit. Deadline nights are filled with focused work, but also countless laughs and jokes. Our ultimate goal is to produce a great yearbook, one that readers will continue to look back at 10, 20, 30 years from now. It has been a great privilege to get to lead a publication that I hope will be read by many for years to come."
-Lily

NSPA at San Antonio

Emily Goldstein, Ariel Kalotkin, Lily Ramin, and adviser Ms. Braman-Parikh traveled to San Antonio, TX for the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Convention along with The Lion's Roar, Denebola, and Leo. The trip presented participants with an opportunity to learn information about improving their publications. The students spent most of each day attending various workshops focusing on different aspects of journalism. Emily, Ariel, and Lily learned new techniques for design and writing to add to Regulus.

Emily Goldstein, Ariel Kalotkin, and Lily Ramin along with Ms. Braman-Parikh smile on their last night in San Antonio.

Lily Ramin, Ariel Kalotkin, and Emily Goldstein enjoy a nice lunch break on the Riverwalk.

Photos by Emily Goldstein

the LION'S ROAR

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Words from the Editors-in-Chief

"Joining *The Roar* was among my best decisions in high school. During Monday J blocks, room 1201 is brimming with reporters who give up their free time to write and editors who pay the utmost attention to comma use and font choices. Their excitement about story telling is contagious, and I feel privileged to work with such an enthusiastic staff."

-Jenny Friedland

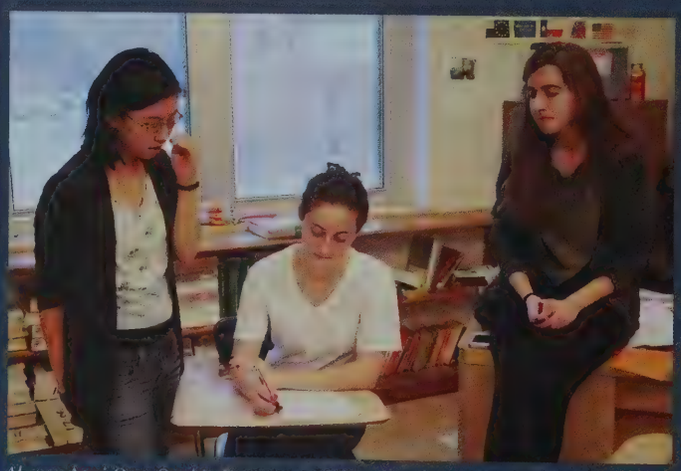
"The friends I've made and the experiences I've had on *The Roar* have definitely been the most memorable parts of my high school experience. Ultimately, I love *The Roar* because it's where I feel the most comfortable being myself.

I have no doubt that I've grown a lot as a leader of the paper over the past volume, but I also think being Editor-in-Chief has helped me grow as a person. For example, quick thinking has been necessary for the hundreds of last-minute disasters I've had to deal with, and I know I'll be able to apply that skill to different areas of my life in the future."

-Joe Joseph

Above: (Back row) Marissa Vertes, Tony Yao, Ravi Panse, Dipal Nagda, Joe Joseph, James Wu, Jenny Friedland, Sophie Forman, Caroline Zola, Jordan Cohen-Kaplan, Aiden Rose, Hyunnew Choi, *(Front row)* Yonatan Gazit, Ms. Elpern, Kylie Walters, Dina Busaba, and Julie Olesky all contribute to the Lion's Roar.

The Lion's Roar, South's award-winning student-run newspaper, prints monthly issues that the entire school awaits. As well as being a friendly and welcoming club, The Roar familiarizes students with the world of journalism. Junior Tom Howe commented, "putting together an article is really like making a story on the go. Even though I can tell what my article may be about, I don't know where it is going to be directed until I compile the interviews to allow the article to construct itself."



Above: Anqi Gao, Sophie Forman, and Dina Busaba brainstorm for February's Opinions section.

Top right: George Morgan, Jack McElduff, and Yonatan Gazit meet to discuss the Sports section.

Bottom right: Joe Joseph and James Wu look over the previous month's issue of the Lion's Roar.

Denebola

OFFICIAL ONLINE NEWSPAPER OF NEWTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

NSPA 2012 2ND PLACE BEST OF SHOW

Teacher Absences

Meet the Editors-in-Chief!

Jesse Feldstein

"Working on the online newspaper has been an exciting and thrilling ride-a roller coaster that I will be sad to get off next year. Having said that, I have the utmost faith in the journalism program to continue the tradition we have put in place."

Zach Pawa

"Denebola is a great way to learn about all types journalism in an upbeat environment...and is chill."

Josh Nislick

"Working on Denebola this year has been a great experience. After we shifted from being a print newspaper to an online one, there was a lot of uncertainty surrounding our future as a publication. Over the past few months, though, everyone on Denebola has worked extremely hard and we've accomplished our goal of launching a successful website. We are all really proud of the content we've put up, and winning Second Best In Show at NSPA was an amazing honor. It's been a lot of fun being a part of this new group and we hope that the next senior staff keeps working hard to improve the publication."

Back Row: Dan Matskevich, Sam Houston-Reed, Jesse Feldstein, Mr. Baron, Adam Frank, Connor MacBain, Taylor Bovarnick, and Sam Hooker. *Front Row:* Yu-Ching Chang, Josh Nislick, Verbitsky, Astha Agarwal, Jay Sobel, Derek Mei, and Hannah Clary.

Sam Houston-Reed

"This year Denebola moved from a newspaper to an online publication. This transformation is really exciting and allows us as a publication, to do things a regular newspaper (like the Lions Roar) can't do. For instance we are able to upload videos, pictures, polls and things like sports scores... I think that in the future NSHS Denebola has nowhere to go but up because of all of the possibilities there are to incorporate technology."

Dan Matskevich

"I joined Denebola my junior year first as a writer and then when Denebola moved over online I became the webmaster. My role was to create the website and then update and tweak the site. My favorite thing has been working with the members of the Denebola team."

The Denebola staff discusses and reviews the contents of their publication.

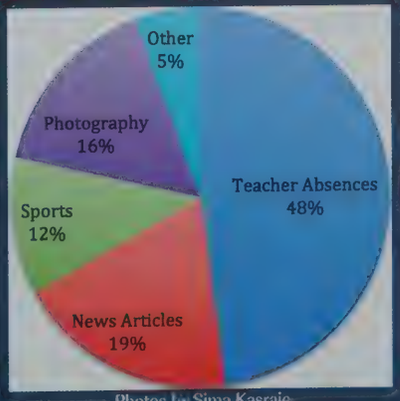
TOP 3

Like

Favorites on Denebola Online:

1. TEACHER ABSENCES
2. JESSE FELDSTEIN'S FANTASY TAKE
3. ZACH PAWA'S BREAKFAST TIPS

What are students using most on NSHS Denebola online?



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Leo

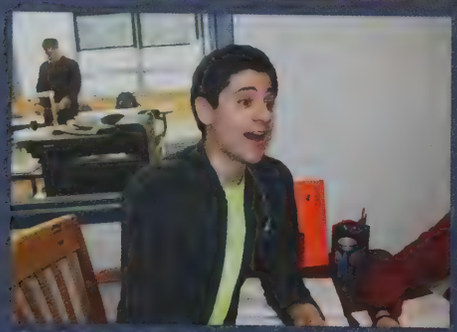
One of South's two new publications this year, Leo has worked to define its identity as a literary magazine.

When South's 50-year-old newspaper, Denebola, was discontinued last year, many of its staff members were left without a publication. And so, the literary magazine, Leo, was born. Leo, published about once every term, is run largely by its senior staff members as well several underclassmen. "We try our best to find the best writers in the school and really bring out the best intellectual writing," says editor-in-chief Sophie Scharlin-Pettee.

The Leo staff have discovered some definite advantages of writing for a magazine over a newspaper this year. "Leo is much more representative of what the writer want to write," comments Sophie. In addition, Sophie says the writing is more in-depth; "you can write about a news topic if you want, but you would have to go in-depth and connect it... [it can't] just be a fluff opinions piece."

Being a brand-new publication, Leo has certainty faced its fair share of challenges during its first year in print. The magazine's staff is working especially hard to define Leo's identity as a magazine. This has been no easy task, since "no other school has a magazine like Leo," Sophie has observed. With no other high-school publication to turn to as a template, the Leo staff turned to national magazines like the New Yorker for inspiration. In addition, the staff is also focusing on figuring out how to pay for the magazine. "We really started from the ground up: no basis for anything," said Sophie.

Despite these difficult challenges and the hard work that goes into producing a high school literary magazine, working on Leo has been a positive experience for the magazine's staff. The best part, Sophie says, is that "you get to spend time with really intelligent people who are motivated and who want to be there, and that's really refreshing."

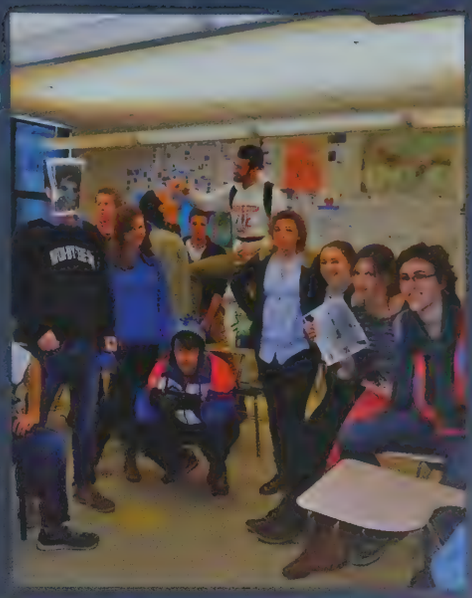


Top left: Senior editors Daniel Barabasi and Nicholas Reed come up with creative poses.
Top right: The senior editors brainstorm ideas.
Center: Senior editors Wendy Ma, Sophie Scharlin-Pettee, Yoonchan Choi, Daniel Kaufman, and Nicholas Reed pose for a group photo. (Not pictured: Daniel Barabasi)
Bottom left: Daniel Kaufman gets animated during a discussion about the magazine.
Bottom right: The first issue of Leo came out in the spring of 2012.

Staff not pictured: Jasper Barabash-Taylor, Dina Bedri, Ella Belfer, Andreas Betancourt, Micheal Britt, Ester Chang, Dylan Cloud, Jordan Cohen-Kaplan, Adam DeAngelo, Andrew Dembling, Connor Donahue, Jenny Friedland, Elli Goldsmith, Melanie Kim, Amanda Lui, Vivan Lui, Jenny Morris, Emma Race, Leo Schumann, Rose Taylor, Louisa Warnke, Ethan Wehrein, Sophia West, and Yaara Yacoby.

Reflections

Spreading creativity around the South community!



Each year around May, Reflections produces a literary magazine and a CD. The club prides themselves on being Newton South's "Premier Art's and Literary Magazine." Dedicated to "nurturing and inspiring creativity through the student body," the club features all categories of creative writing, music and art in its magazine and CD.

The staff meets often over the course of the year to discuss the submissions and decide which to accept and publish. According to the club's website, they "accept any sort of creative writing, music, or art. Poetry, short stories, studio art, photography, ceramics, collage, mixed media, and glass, jazz, classical, rock, punk, musique concrete whatever!" During their meetings they "look at each submission, discuss, appreciate, and anonymously vote on whether or not we'd like it to be printed in the magazine."

Another activity that the club partakes in is organizing concerts to showcase South's students' music and writing. These events are called "Teabarns" and "Coffeehouses." They are designed to help students enjoy all the creativity that South has to offer.

Editor-in-Chief Sophie Macarthur said that "this year most of the staff are juniors rather than seniors as it usually is." As she said, both Editors-in-Chief are juniors along with many of the other editors.

As the website puts it, " Reflections is more than just a magazine – it is a celebration of creativity in the Newton South community."

Top left: Back row: Elie McAfee, Sam Walters, Connor Donahue, Ben Robinson, Dan Kaufman, Naomi Eisenberg. *Front:* Sophie Macarthur, Ko Takasugi-Czernowin, Zach Coville-Carney, Julia Smith, Celina Siegel, Rosalie Goldberg. *Top right:* The Reflections staff expresses themselves. *Middle:* The reflections staff reviews work.

Right: Zach Coville-Carney strikes a pose and everybody else stares at the camera. *Above:* Dylan Cloud, disguised as Andrew Dembling, points at the camera.

Mock Trial

Right: (back row, left to right) Steve Hardy, Harry Nanthakumar, Matt Dahl, Richard DeNitto, Mark Hochberg, Jason Pollack. *(front row:)* Charlotte Zolit, Yonatan Gazit, Jack Lovett, Jarrett Shapiro, Jason Feldman, and Katie Doran. *Below:* Senior Leaders Charlotte Zolit and Matt Dahl pose for a picture.

The mock trial team simulates a real life court trial by constructing a plaintiff and defense argument for a hypothetical case. The team competes with other schools in the surrounding towns. With seventeen kids on the team, the club is looking forward to a successful and productive year.

Model UN

Left: (back row, left to right) Erin Katzeff, Jasey Tragesser, Sophie Menashi, Alexandra Robertson, Richard DeNitto, Alex Cohen, and Mikaeel Yunus. *(bottom row)* Shiri Pagliuso, Sally Stacks, Nadav Furgang, and Jacob Freedman. *Below:* The Model UN club prepares for an upcoming conference.

The Model UN club is comprised of a group of student delegates that travel to conferences held by local colleges. At these conferences, the students represent many different countries in order to debate and resolve current international conflicts. The preparation takes weeks as club members research and write topic- specific papers. The team traveled to Brown University and Harvard University this year.

South Senate

Left, front row: Abby Patkin, Jack Lovett, and Nick Hurney.
Second Row: Anna Kim, YoElena Tkebuchava, Wendy Ma, Katie McGauley, Michelle Bushoy, Olivia DeAngelo, Jason Ma, Sam Fishman, and Ilias Vamvakas.
Third Row: Scott Sonnenberg, Oliver Xie, Richard DeNitto, Mikaeel Yunus, Eli Levine, Justin Brooks, Cameron Pennell, Troy Rothman, and Peter Klapes.

Below: Club president Jack Lovett and chairman Abby Patkin sign a new bill regarding students use of laptops during free blocks into action.

This year the senate worked to become a more organized and official club through their "New Frontier Program." This new program allowed them to become a more professional group and according to the president Jack Lovett and vice president Nick Hurney it was a positive change from last year's unorganized group. They passed drastically more legislation this year as compared to last, working to please the student body.

Speech and Debate

Right: Top: Tobi Henzer, Keith Henzer, Dan Ehrlich, Ethan Kestenberg, and Sophie Hill.
Bottom: Zephy Chang, Sachin Srivastva, and Jae Seung Lee.
Below: Back: Josh Carney, Nick Kieran, Albert Lee, Jasper Primack, Naomi Eisenberg, and Liel Dolev.
Middle: Nikita Roy, Tuleeka Hazra, Dipal Nagda, Mira Li, Courtney Foster, and Itamar Levy-Or.
Bottom: Jonathan Kirshenbaum, Stephanie Foster, and Yasmin Yacoby.

This year, the Speech and Debate Team is bigger than ever. The team meets on Fridays to practice, and on some Saturdays, they compete locally at various Massachusetts high schools. Throughout the year, they compete in national tournaments hosted at Yale University and Columbia University, and also send certain members to Nationals in the spring.

Newtones

Below: The Newtones perform the Star-Spangled Banner at the pep rally.

Right: (Back row) Elie McAfee, Daniel Goldstein, Harrison Bamel, and Jeremy Oshins.
(Middle row) Maddy Meyer, Julia Smith, Sasha Restrepo, Saranya Ramadurai, and Ana Geltman.
(Front row) CJ Goodfriend, Keegan Stricker, David Rabinowicz, Shafia Gray, and Frances Cooke.

Newtones is a student-run a cappella group. They typically meet two nights a week. Members of the group enjoy the student-run atmosphere because it gives them a chance to be completely creative and grow as a group. The Newtones view themselves as "one big family," by helping each other out whenever they need it.

Children of the Candy Corn

Right: Adam DeAngelo, Nicky Leiter, Connor Donahue, Dan Kaufman, Sam Adams, Emily Snider, Ian Greer, and Ellie Yorke.
Below: Ellie Yorke, Sam Adams, and Emily Snider having fun at a meeting.

Children of the Candy Corn is South's student-run improv group. They perform from three to six times a year. Every year, the group is featured at WAI Funny and WAI Feast. Members meet twice a week to play improv games.

Habitat for Humanity

Below: Mina Willett and Laura Kessel dig a foundation at a worksite in Roslindale.

Left: Top row (from left to right): Mr. Kraus, Laura K, J. Mo, Mina W., Mika G., Dina B., Emily S., Cate E., Charlotte Z., Elena R. Bottom Row (from left to right): Parisa S., Dorie K., Ella B., Amanda Y., Melanie K.

Founded by senior Mika Gross, Habitat for Humanity's Newton South chapter meets Thursday J-blocks in the cutler computer lab. Habitat for Humanity is an organization that builds homes for people who cannot afford them. South's chapter holds various fundraisers such as Arcade Night and House your Peeps. They completed their first build on October 12, 2012.

GSA

From left: Ellie Bakalchuk, Amelia Morris, Haley Goldstein, Marina Rakhilin, Natalie Silverman, James Dean, Lindsey Caliga, Celina Bliss, Peter Belsley,

Below: GSA assembles to discuss recent LGBT events.

The GSA, gay straight alliance, meets Monday J-blocks in Mr. Parlin's room. President James Dean says the goal of the club is to promote equality and to support people through open discussions. GSA runs TDOR, transgender day of rememberance, and TBGLAD, transgender bisexual gay lesbian awareness day. GSA welcomes all students and always has cookies to share.

Marathon Team

Right: (Top row, left to right) Shahmir Shahrol, Jonah Kan, Zack Cater, Sam Casler, "Naomi" Morris, Hannah Wayne, Molly Gronnoff-Kuhn, Abby Patkin, *(Middle row, left to right)* Shazwan Shahrol, Jeremy Freudberg, Danny Teich, Joyce Arella, Liana Butchard, Nick Hurney, Jenny Kaufman, Leah McTigue, Jenny Friedland, Eric Dai, *(Bottom row, left to right)* Ms. DeSouza, Jenny Dolan, mentor, Ms. DeRobert, Ms. Eng, Jason Agress, Rodney Yip, Nelson Huang, and Max Agress pose after a 5 mile training run at Brookline High School.

Below: Mentors Jason Agress, Ms. DeRoberts, Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. Braman, Ms. Robbins, Ms. Eng, and Vittora Macadino pose before Dreamfar's First Annual 10K in Sharon, MA.

If Max Agress had been told last year that he would complete a marathon as a high schooler, he would have been doubtful. "I never thought I could get past like, two miles," Agress said. But through the Dreamfar marathon program at South, Max and many other students train three times a week to run 26.2 miles together at the COX Providence Marathon.

The training is intense, with student eventually running 20 miles every weekend, but member of the team all agree that the payoff is worth the pain. "I don't actually like running all that much, it kind of hurts," noted Leah McTigue, a senior on the team, "But I have grown to depend on it. Whenever I don't run I just feel jittery and off." Actually running the marathon, said McTigue, is icing on the cake: "There is such a huge feeling of pride [from] going through the program."

Dreamfar has helped many students to open up, work hard, and surprise themselves. In the end, though, said sophomore Molly Granoff-Kuhn "I'm just proud to finish a marathon."

Rugby

Right: The boys rugby team starts a play on a beautiful sunny day.

Below: The rugby club practices at Weeks Field in Newton Centre.

The rugby club is one of the most successful clubs at south. The team plays various clubs in Massachusetts. Senior Lauren Astrachan, the starting inside center, describes the program as "a tight knit community of wonderful people." The club meets three times a week and encourages everyone to join!

Seasons Club

Left: Jenny Morris, Kayla Kee, and Elena Ramos hold up their decorated paper snowmen.

Below: Kayla Kee, Charlotte Zolit, Elena Ramos, Jenny Morris, Daniel Morris, Jonathan Cavanaugh Stricker, John Whalen, and Sarah Rabinowitz.

At the Seasons Club, "we celebrate the seasons while also trying to combat the academic stress that a lot of South students have," member Elena Ramos said. This year, the club spread holiday cheer by leaving 'Season's Greetings' cards on cars in the parking lot and decorating the school with paper snowflakes. Members of the group engaged in seasonal activities like apple picking and sledding, and even reached out to the community by raising money for the Italian Home for Children.

American Sign Language

Left: ASL teacher Mr. Hershon teaches Sally Chou and Kimberly Ly how to sign "Nice to meet you."

Below: Julie Malinski, Sally Chou, Mr. Hershon, Jenny Kim, Kimberly Ly, and Isabel Snyder demonstrate the sign for "I love you."

This year, a group of American Sign Language (ASL) students formed the ASL Club as an extension of ASL teacher, Mr. Hershon's, class. Isabel Snyder, one of the club's founders, said, "the goal of the club is to educate people on the deaf community and deaf culture. ASL is so important to learn because it is a language that is normally overlooked and it needs to become more widely used."

Badminton

Right: The badminton club posses for a picture.

Below: Melissa Kwan and Derek Mei practice their badminton skills with an intense match of doubles.

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Every Thursday, the Newton South Badminton club meets to practice. At these meetings, junior badminton champion, Alan Shekhtman, who is a junior at South trains the team. Not only does the club compete against other students from our school, they also play against other schools with badminton programs.

NTC

Netwon Tanzania Collaborative

Right: Julia MacKenzie, Abby Coleman, Ana Geltman, Isabel Schulman, Allie Lushan pose to spell out "NTC."

Below: Club members Isabel Schulman, Allie Lushan, Ana Geltman, Abby Coleman, Julia MacKenzie, Ally Delheim solve a puzzle map of Africa, the home of their Tanzanian counterparts.

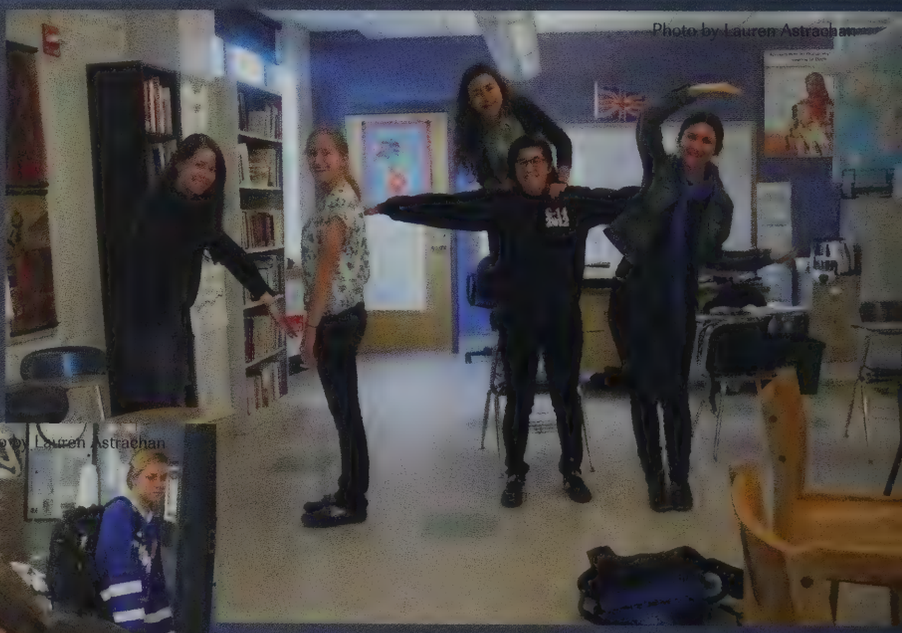
Photo by Lauren Astrachan

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The Newton Tanzania Collaborative, or NTC, works to help their sister school in Kwala, Tanzania. The club raises money through Bake sales and other fund raisers to help Kwala's elementary and secondary schools. This year the club is working to bring over a teacher from Kwala, Derek, so that he can experience our culture and bring back new teaching methods to his home in Tanzania.

ASO

Asian Student Organization

photo by Minh-An Quinn

Left: ASO officers Esther Chang, Rachel Jung, Lauren Wong, Charlie Yang, Aubrey Adamczyk, Jackson Shoe, Alicia Lam, Henry Yun, Sophia Cen smile for the camera. *Below:* Helen Huang plays Twister at the ASO Thanksgiving potluck.

photo by Minh-An Quinn

ASO is a club for students interested in learning more about different Asian cultures through a variety of fun activities such as making Asian foods, attending potlucks, selling ramen, and raising money for charities that help Asian countries in need. In addition to fundraising, members of the club prepare for Asian Night, a student-based talent show that displays acts related to Asian culture

Invisible Children

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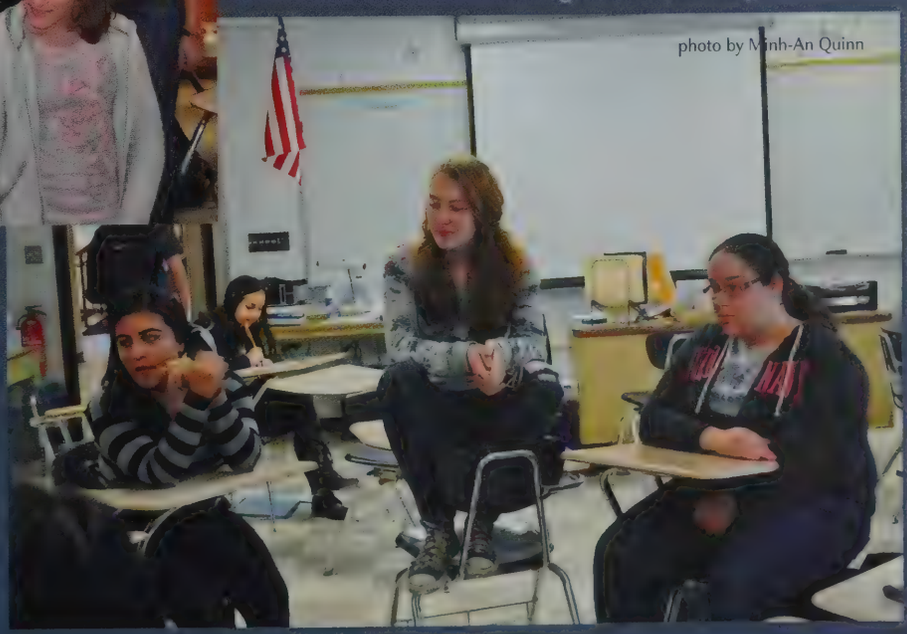
Left: Members of Invisible Children, Anne Burnett, Toni Monge, Danit Gorelik, Marina Rakhilin, Jelena Kupcevic, Rachel Portnoy, Clara Abramson, Sabrina Belozerova, Melissa Wong, Allison Costello, and Abigail Belozerova pose for a picture

Below: Toni Monge, Marina Rakhilin and Danit Gorelik listen intently during the club meeting.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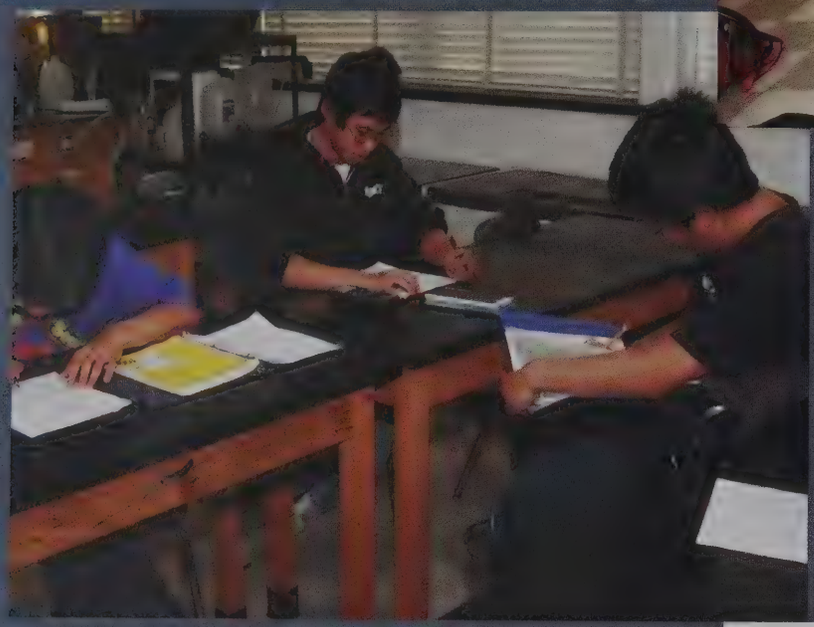
The Invisible Children club sells bracelets, and holds a number of bake sales to raise money for Invisible Children, a non-profit that helps children in Uganda that are captured as war slaves. This year, some members of Invisible Children went on a trip to D.C. to participate in a rally run by Invisible Children. The club also held an assembly with representatives and from Invisible Children to raise awareness for the cause.

Science Team

Team Photo (Top Right):
1st row: Elena Byun, Albert Lee, Ravi Panse, Han Zhang, Daoxu Ye, and Will Zhang.
2nd row: Kelsey Yee, Noel Hwang
3rd row: Ellen Kwon, Carissa Lin, Janice Cen, John Deng, Jackson Fried, and Ethan Rucinski.
4th row: Sasha Kuznetsova, Nathan Foster, Danny Teich, Audrey Hooker, and Evan Feldman.
5th row: Liza Sulkin, Jesse Klimov, Ian Paul, and Guy Hamilton.
6th row: Devlin Grasley, Hanna Berga, Jonathan Isenstein, Colin McGinnitie, and Yuanzhe Wang.

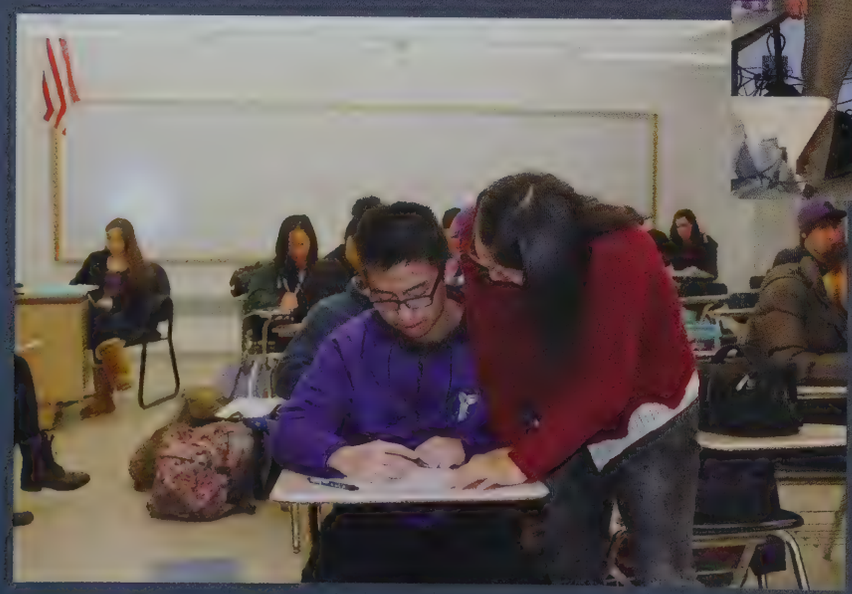
Below: Albert Lee, Will Zhang, Daoxu Ye are working on their packets.



Newton South Science Team is composed of students who are dedicated to and passionate about the sciences The members of Science Team are dedicated to working their best to win as many competitions as they can. According to Sasha Kuznetsova, "science team is a variety of skills that are needed, and it's interesting to see that you might actually be good at something you never knew you were good at before." The team provides students with an outlet to further their interest in science. They already have many accomplishments under their belt this season, and their dedication thus far has paid off.

Math Team

Team Photo:
(back row) Daoxu Ye, Gabryela Sinclair, Jim Wang, Zhe Wu, Ian Paul, Mr. Rattendi
(front row) Mr. Petrizzi,Daniel Konviser, Jason Ma, Jae Lee, Noel Hwang, Elena Byun, Daniel Shaar, Margalit Glasnow, Daniel Zhang
Below: Elena Byun helps Jason Ma with his math packet.



The Math Team is a place for students interested in mathematics to pursue outlets of exploration. According to Jason Ma, "the math team is so fun to be with because they are like my family." Each year, the Math Team practices for competitions all over the region. They also compete in the Harvard MIT Mathematics Tournament each year. The Math Team prepares in fun ways, such as completing humorous problems for a fun twist.

Ligerbots

Left: (Top row) Leanora McVittie, Kyle Takach, Shane Kerr, Benyamin Meschede-Krasa, Mon Henglin, Jared Frankston, Brian Sellers, Mr. Hurwitz, *(Bottom row)* Samuel Fishman, Ilias Vamvakas, Rachel McVittie, Eli Sadovnik, and Ben Gross smile for the camera.

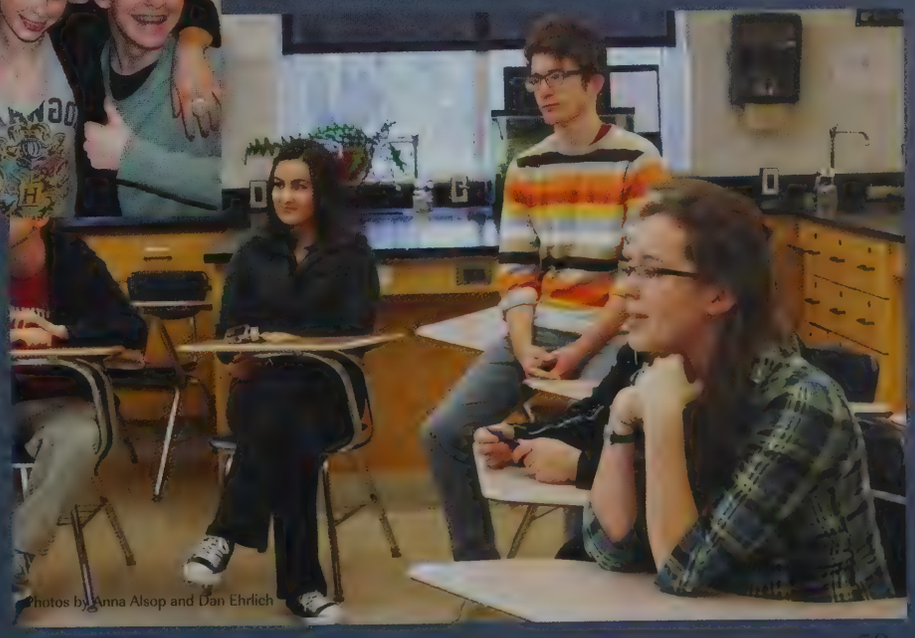
Below: Samuel Fishman and Max Tepermeister work on a robot designed to shoot baskets.

The Ligerbots is the robotics team comprised of members from oth Newton North and South. During a period of six weeks, the club esigns and builds a robot for the annual competition, and meets every ay to work. Seniors Brian Sellers and Jared Frankston particularly enjoy he club dinners during build season. Because of the immense time ommitment that comes with being in the Ligerbots, Frankston ommented, "It's a lifestyle." For the rest of the year, the team must ctively fundraise. According to club CEO Leanora McVittie, "it takes 15k to run the team each year, and we need to raise it all ourselves." o cover the costs, the Ligerbots appeals to sponsors and attends arious fundraising events. Though the team has a variety of members ith different levels of experience and from different schools, each year is able to come together to produce a sophisticated robot.

Environmental Club

Left: (back row) Jonas Warnke, Cyd Villavicencio, Jonah Cohen, Elif Sefika Duran, Sarah, Eliza Sockwell, (front row) Katherine Dorfman, Danielle Davidoff, Melanie Erspamer, Keegan Stricker, Alyssa Erspamer, and Nadav Furgang pose in front of the club mural.

Below: Elif Sefika Duran , Keegan Cavanaugh Stricker, Rachel McVittie, and Danielle Davidoff listen to a guest speaker on the topic of climate change.



The Environmental Club works to make Newton South greener. This year, the club ran a battery drive to collect and safely dispose of old batteries, collected textiles to donate to charity organizations, and collaborated with South Senate to place recycling bins in the cafeteria. According to club member Katherine Dorfman, "last year there were only seniors and freshmen, but this year there are more people from different grades." The new members are offering fresh ideas for projects to make South more environmentally friendly, and the club is considering advocating for the use of biodegradable trays and utensils in the cafeteria as well as composting for future projects.

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ASC

Athletes Serving the Commutnity

Below: Emma Spector, Julia Mount, Sim Kassraie, and Yoonchan Choi are all smiles at Christmas in the City.
Right: Members of ASC pose for a photo at an event in Boston

Athletes Serving the Community, or ASC, has been incredibl helpful for many time-crunched South students who want to fit voluntee work into their packed schedules. "It's very come and go... that's th beauty of it; when you have time, you come volunteer," says Senior clu leader Yoonchan Choi. "Without ASC," he remarks, "it would have bee hard for me to find ways to volunteer." Rather than meeting weekl during a J block, the club organizes and assembles when they go t events such as Christmas in the City, a gigantic Christmas party i Boston for homeless people, and Spring Fling, where students and adult assemble for a lunch and talent show. In the end, Yoonchan says "community service goes a long way in terms of shaping your perspectiv on life and also, I think it has really influenced the person I am today."

WAI

Water Aid International

Right: Wai Members Mara Ezekiel, Maite Abadia-Manthei, Clara Ives, Zach Willert, Harry Nanthakumar, Adam DeAngelo, Olivia Hamilton, Melanie Erspamer, Emma Spector, and Emily Ho pause a club meeting for a picture

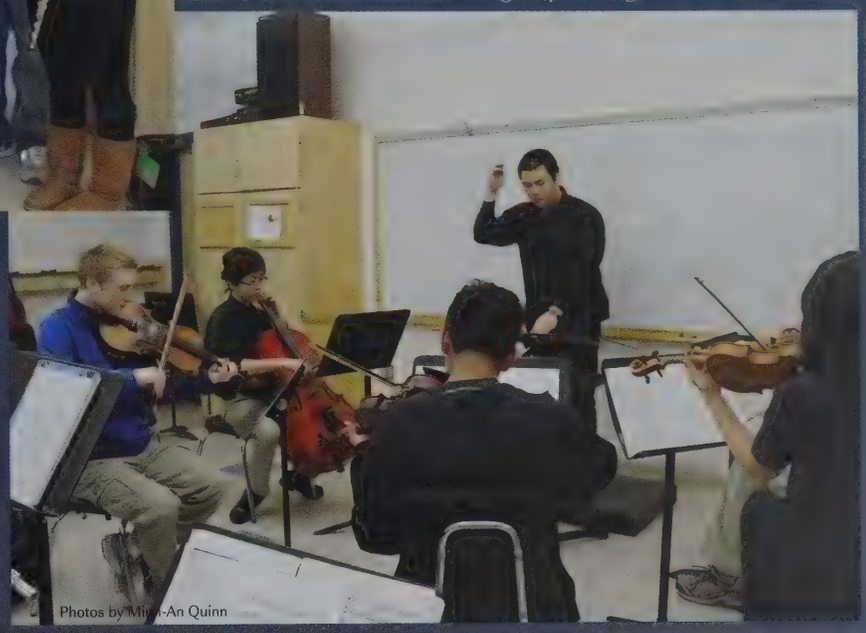
Below: Club Leaders Maggie Whalen, Stephanie Seiden, Zach Willert, Harley Greene, and Emily Ho pose for a picture.

Water Aid International is a club dedicated to raising awareness about the lack of clean drinking water. Because their club has only been around South for ten years, members of Water Aid International have worked this year to put their cause on South's radar. "We like to host different fundraisers to help raise money and awareness for issues regarding the lack of clean drinking water," explains club co-president Emily Ho. These fundraisers include events like WAI Feast and WAI Funny, an event that a café gathering and comedy show hosted by the club every year. The club uses the money they raise from these events to fund projects through water.org, helping to bring clean drinking water to people in other parts of the world who desperately need it. In addition to their strong commitment to the cause, the members of WAI simply enjoy spending time together. "Besides helping the cause," comments club co-president Harley Greene, "it's really nice to plan events with people you actually want to be around."

NSS
Newton South Sinfonietta

Left: Members of NSS, Han Zhang, Calvin Rose, Noel Huang, Kelsey Yee, David Zhang, Derek Mei, Albert Lee, Jeff Xiao, Jesse Klimov, Jeremy Freudberg, Yun-Hee Seol, Joe Joseph, and Yumi Lee pose for a group picture.

Below: Senior Derek Mei conducts the group during a rehearsal.



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NSS is a chamber orchestra led by Derek Mei and Jesse Klimov. They meet every Tuesday to rehearse a diverse array of songs, which they perform at nursing homes, hospitals, and school events such as Asian Night. According to Derek Mei, "NSS was created to increase South students' musical appreciation through this additional, powerful cultural element. The motivated ensemble, which consists of flutes, horns, clarinets, strings, oboes, and keyboards, become increasingly important in the local community, both as an artistic body, as well as a significant example and reminder of the importance of music."

Sustainable Agriculture

Photo by Minh-An Quinn

Left: Liza Sockwell, Allie Lushan, Ana Geltman, Jon Stricker, Dan Kaufman, Marlo Stein, Julian Geltman, Jason Chari, Ilias Vamvakas, Grant Berman, Miles Macero, Isaiah Kriegman, and Christopher Connell pose for a group picture.

Below: An array of the vegetables grown by Sustainable Agriculture is displayed.

Photo provided by Dan Kaufman

Sustainable Agriculture, also known as Farming Club, was started two years ago as a small farm behind the greenhouse and has since expanded. "The goal of the club is to develop a model of sustainable agriculture for students, teachers, parents, and the community to show how food can be grown in a sustainable way," said senior Dan Kaufman. The club grows a variety of produce including arugula, lettuce, cabbage, onions, romanesco, and squash. These are used in the International Cuisine courses and sold to parents and teachers. This year, Dan Kaufman is working on a WISE project to design a new course to teach students to maintain and expand the farm.

Newton Educational Workshops

N.E.W.

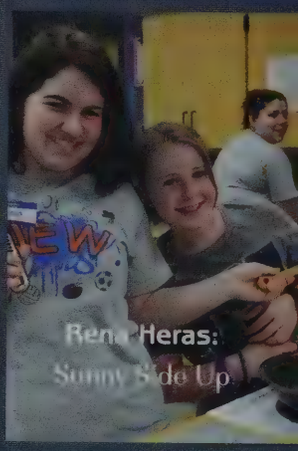
N.E.W., Newton Educational Workshops, is a non-profit organization that conducts fun activities for fourth and fifth graders, such as cooking, arts & crafts, dancing, and sports. Not only does N.E.W encourage high school students to interact with and be a role model to kids, but it also donates all of its profits to charities benefiting children. Last year, the program was able to donate more than two thousand dollars to KaBOOM, an organization that builds playgrounds for kids in America. "I am so delighted to be part of the whole process of Newton Educational Workshop," said Senior Club President Asen Jamir, "being a president since junior year, I came to learn ... it takes a lot of organization and preparation for the program to be successful. From 4 years of being in this program, I have learned many new things about myself."

Rena Heras, another Senior President, added that she found it impressive that high school students were running a program for elementary aged students, completely by themselves. Heras said, "My sophomore and junior years I taught cooking classes with my friends, which was a blast. We always got a mix of kids: some were angels, some were way too outgoing, some were shy, and some were straight up difficult. However, in the end we managed to bring everyone together with food that either went amazingly right, or food that went hilariously bad. Either way it was always a fun adventure." Now that Heras has the role of being a president, she has the ability to take part of the heavy responsibilities for pulling N.E.W. together, and is a part of the process of creating the program's magic that she experienced as a sophomore.

Lastly, Jie Zhao Senior president adds that N.E.W. has been the most meaningful thing she has ever done. She says that her favorite memory is, "when we were presenting at elementary schools, one kid asked if there was a "honors" class. It definitely showed how stressful Newton schools are that even elementary school kids are starting to worry about taking different levels of class."

N.E.W. is a great way for students to take a break from their busy lives and take on a teaching role in activities that they were passionate about. Waking up early on Saturday mornings may not always be easy, but the students in N.E.W. agree that it is worth it and takes a lot of dedication.

Top from left to right: Vivian Li, Carli Andres, Kayla Chan, Eugenia Zeng, Anqi Gao, Vivian Lin, Noa Shneorson, Liana Butchard, Monica Nair, Stephanie Man, Yasmine Hashemi. **Bottom from left to right:** Amanda Yong , Asen Jamir, Jie Zhao, Louisa Kimmell, Matia Whiting



Rena Heras: Sunny Side Up

SENIOR PRESIDENTS

Asen Jamir, Rena Heras, Jie Zhao

Sara Gelles-Watnick: Recycled Art

Nick Heras: Football Madness

Yasmine Hashemi: Fun With Art

Lauren Astrachan and Karissa Borg: Super Sports

Tertulia Club

From left to right: Kyra V[illegible], T[illegible] Zaborovskaya, Zach Carney, Karina Alfisher, Jake Alexander, Glora Abramson

Tertulia is an annual school-wide event dedicated after the passing of 16 year-old Maxine Celeste Chansky in 1998. Maxine had a joyful, refreshing spirit and a unique love for the arts and cultural diversity. The Latin American name "Tertulia" translates to "a social gathering of the performing arts" which coincided perfectly with Maxine's cheerful spirit and love for the arts and cultural diversity. Spanish teacher Senora Planine has been organizing Tertulia each year since its first show in 1999. The school has been fully committed to keeping Maxine's remembrance, honor, and tradition alive each school year. Tertulia is important to the Newton South community as it is a day of celebration the arts and of the many talents; we come together as an entire school and enjoy, cheer on, and support the hidden talents of our fellow classmates. Senora Planine says, "This is such an important day for us to appreciate the amazing and beautiful talents of our community. I love this tradition and believe that it is important for us to open our eyes and hearts to everyone, especially those who we may not personally know and who we have not seen before. Through music, dance and any form of art, we welcome anyone to display their passions on stage."

Introductory Speech for Tertulia:

The Spring Tertulia, 'a gathering of the performing arts,' was conceived in memory of Maxine Celeste Chansky, a Newton South High School student, and in celebration of her joyful spirit, delight in the arts, and love of cultural diversity. Sponsored by the Maxine Chansky Scholarship fund, in conjunction with the Newton South High School Enrichment program, the Tertulia was designed to create a school tradition that would be an annual and ongoing vehicle for the appreciation of the arts. The Tertulia takes place one day each spring at Newton South High School, and since its inception, has increasingly evolved as a showcase for the many talents of Newton South High School students. Past Tertulias have featured a Flamenco Dance Troupe, a Latin American Vocal Ensemble, and a variety of wonderful student performances. In the fall of 2001, the Tertulia Club was founded as a student organization, with the purpose of organizing and producing this annual event.

MEET THE PRESIDENTS

Zach Carney-

I joined club my sophomore year and it has been a great experience. Tertulia was created in memory of a south student who heavily took part in the art culture at South. As president of the club its my job to audition, organize, and orchestrate the performers and the show itself. About three months prior to the show, that's when its time to start creating flyers and recruiting new members for the club. After that its time to judge the auditions with the club and decide which groups/ acts are in. Then after that just organizing what order the groups go for what blocks. Lastly comes the day of the show and on that day its Karina and i job to make sure everything goes smoothly, other members of the club are in charge of getting the stage set for every act.

Karina Alfisher-

Tertulia has truly become an annual tradition at Newton South that a lot of people look forward to for the entire year. I've been part of the club since my freshman year and now leading it this past year has been very exciting. Most people don't understand how much work goes into organizing Tertulia each year, and we've been working hard to prepare everything before the show. We have a very small group of members in the club, but it is a lot easier to work with fewer members who have greater responsibilities, because in the past we have had an extremely hectic backstage when there are too many people. Overall, the club itself meets mainly during the audition week and a week or so before the actual show, when it is crunch time. The show is an extraordinary opportunity for singers or dancers or any talent, to go on stage and show the school what they can do. I think what is also really great is we welcome all types of acts and the greater diversity, the better.

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ATHLETICS

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Comeback Queens

The girls soccer team advances to the state tournament after starting the season with a 1-5-1 record

Lauren Astrachan

Catharine Pierce

Top row from left: Coach Owen Pennant Jones, Sophie MacArthur, Rina Rabinovich, Lucy Holmes, Alekhya Chaparala, Izi Epshtein, Amy Cohen, Tamar Bulka, Amara Regehr, Tara Lanahan, Callie Tausig, Katie Summers, Katherine Cullen, Jina An, Catharine Pierce, & Coach Doug McCarthy
Bottom row from left: Seniors Karina Alfisher, Elena Ramos, Nicole Vertescher, Lauren Astrachan, Suzy Landon, and Tori Swartz
Absent: Abby Rice & Ali Rosenzweig

A Season of Firsts

- September 22: Newton South held the first-ever night soccer game under portable lights against Lincoln-Sudbury

-October 5: Sophie MacArthur bends the ball into the goal off a corner to beat previously undefeated Westford, ranked eighth in the state, 1-0

-October 19: The inaugural coach-parent-player potluck dinner was held, despite much awkwardness from all parties

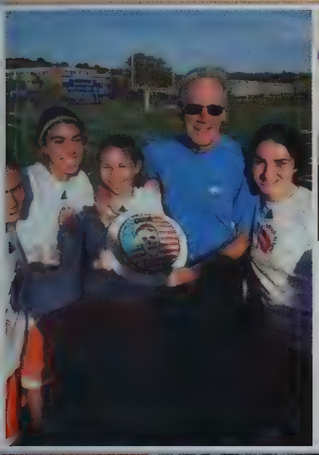
-October 30/31: The last two regular season games were rained out due to Frankenstorm Sandy

Izi Esptein

Soccer Sisters

This year's soccer team was a tight-knit group. Sometimes referred to as the "Cheetah Girls" because of their love of Raven Symone sing-alongs, the Lady Lions truly bonded as a team. They made a music video -- 1,218 views on Youtube and counting -- and all dyed their hair blue for the state tournament. Another hit this season was the seniors' cake, baked for a game against Somerville. It featured an extremely flattering hand-frosted portrait of Coach Doug with an American flag in the background, and urged everyone to vote "Doug for President" (pictured below). Finally, the season wouldn't have been complete without the annual car wash, resulting in lots of soap and water but few clean cars.

Elizabeth Barry



Suzy Lindon

Sophie MacArthur

The Faces of South Soccer

Two Below: Goalie Jack Rice dives to make a save.
Right: Michael Hwang throws the ball down the side line to a team mate.
Below: Sam Walkes kicks the ball across the field.

Spotlight

Austin Zeizel: #7

Senior Austin Zeizel has been playing soccer since he was 6 years old. He played for the Mass Premier Soccer for a few years before going to South. Although he was called up to varsity for a few games last season, this was Zeizel's first season on varsity. Despite being new to the varsity squad this year Zeizel was still an important part of the team, and he played a combination of left and right mid, and also forward. Despite feeling as though the team's record did not show their true talent, Zeizel feels that towards the end of the season the team had " a lot team cohesion." "I really bonded with a lot of my teammates," he said. Zeizel does not know whether or not he plans to continue his play in college, but depending on where he goes to school, he may try out.

BOY'S SOCCER
Kicking and Screaming

Coming off of a great season last year, the boy's soccer team set high expectations for this year. According to captain Michelino Kenny the team went into the season hoping to make the tournament. Unfortunately, this goal was not reached because according to Kenny "[the team] never realized our potential." He says that although the team did have some bad luck and injuries, with hard work, the season could have been much better. Because the team had a number of juniors starting this year, and the underclassmen have a lot of talent, the team has a lot of promise for the future. He says that the younger players learned a lot of valuable lessons this season and hopes that they will bring the team success in the future.

Top: Ryan Trevino boots the ball across the soccer field, away from an oncoming Cambridge defender.

Above: Ryan Trevino puts defensive pressure on his opponent, preventing the player from passing the ball.

Right: The team huddles up around coach Conte to hear their game plan for the game.

Right Above: Jeffery Noymer breaks ankles.

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Football
{FIRST DOWN}

This year, the varsity football underwent a progressive season. According to captain Brian Spink, "the goal coming into this year was just to grow as a team get the program back on track," and the team did just that. The team worked hard in the weight room, at captain's practices and at camps all summer long, and although they did not make the playoffs, their hard work showed throughout the season. The team had a lot to improve upon coming off of a winless season last year, but their record this year shows that they made major improvements. The team has a new offensive coordinator, Coach Tracey, who, according to Captain Sam Houston-Read, really helped out and contributed to the success. This new coach mixed with the bonding the team had, has really put the team "on the right track to become a power house in the DCL" says Spink. Looking back on the season, Lucian Cascino, a senior captain, "was amazed by how much everyone improved and the way the team came together." Although this season was not a winning one, the record does not show their effort, and all the captains agree that the building blocks blocks have been set. As Cascino puts it, "The only place from here is up" and the team definitely has potential to get there.

Above: The captains meet and shake hand before playing a big game against Weston high school.
Right: Brian Spink blocks for Ethan Meyer as he breaks free of a tackle.
Right Above: Patrick Fabrizio lines up, ready for a big play.

Player Spotlight:

Ethan Meyer #6

Ethan Meyer, a junior running back and kick returner, has been playing football since he was in fourth grade. Meyer, who was awarded Dual-County League all star, is also on the varsity basketball team and has played both lacrosse and baseball for South. In the off season, Meyer plans to "work hard and get bigger, stronger and faster" in preparation for his third year on varsity next year. Reflecting on the season he said, "I feel that the season was pretty good, but not as good as it could have been." He hopes to fix this issue for next year.

Above Right: Brian Spink and Sam Houston-Read, both seniors, and Liam Brandel, sophomore, celebrate after Spink scores a touch down.
Right: The team follows coach Dalicandro onto the field.

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Stick 'Em

Field Hockey

The 2012 season for the Newton South Field Hockey team was record breaking. With a set of new coaches and a talented squad of players, the team made huge steps in the right direction. The program captured their first win against Brookline on September 21, and were on fire from then on. They went on to tie Concord-Carlisle twice, defeat Bedford, as well as challenge every singe team they faced.

Although the squad is losing sixteen seniors this year, the next few years a looking promising as the program continues to grow and gain popularity.

Right: Senior Annie O' Brien hits the ball up the field.

Senior Jordi Batler dodges around a defender.

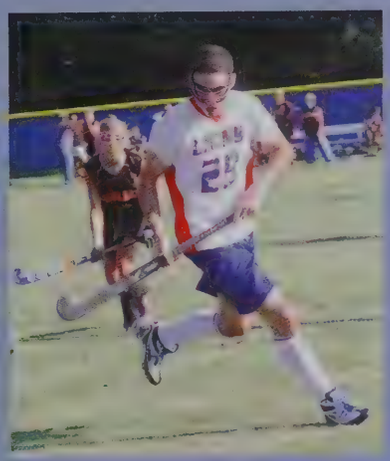
Senior Abby Coleman dribbles the ball up the field.

Senior Jon Stricker takes a shot on goal

The Seniors pose for a picture. *Top Row (Left to Right):* Jon Stricker, Jake Medoff, Alexandra Nesson. *Middle Row:* Cate Eberman, Leah McTigue, Lauren Cutler, Abby Coleman, Sophie Forman, Lauren Sherman, Jordi Batler. *Bottom Row:* Mina Willett, Clara Abramson, Lucy Hoffman, Annie O' Brien, Maggie Whalen, Sara Clemente

The team warms up before a game.

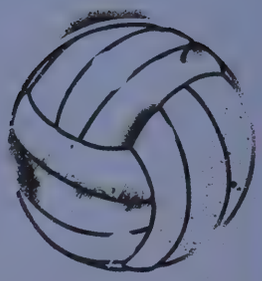
Senior Sara Clemente gets open for a pass.



Senior Jake Medoff steals the ball from an opponent.

playing to WIN

Girls Varsity Volleyball 2012



This year, the Girl's Varsity Volleyball team started off a bit shaky, having only two returning starters. As captain Rebecca Heller says, "in the beginning, the team took a little while to start to gel." Although the start was rough, the team developed throughout the season into a group of talented girls who worked well together. As Coach Elwell always says, "It's not where you start, it's where you finish," which was very true for this season. The team developed greatly over the three months they played. The volleyball team has a reputation at South as being a great group of girls who are hard workers and good at what they do on and off the court, and this year was like any other, they definitely lived up to that reputation. According to another captain, Sydney Rubinstein, throughout the season, the one thing that stayed constant was the team's "heart and perseverance. What won us games was our endless effort." The girls never gave up which is what also won them many games, like the one against Acton-Boxboro, for example. Overall, the girls on the team tried their best and played every game like it was their last, and even though they did not end up on top, it was a successful season skill wise.

Coaches Aniela Liesman and Todd Elwell spent a ton of time and effort to get the girls to where they are now. Without both of the Coaches' commitments to the team, the girls would not have as much knowledge of volleyball as they do now. In Coach Elwell's words, "Although the team finished just under .500, there were many hard fought five set matches that made for great volleyball." Good job ladies!

Favorites Of
An Amazing 2012 Season

Song - "Yeah" by Usher

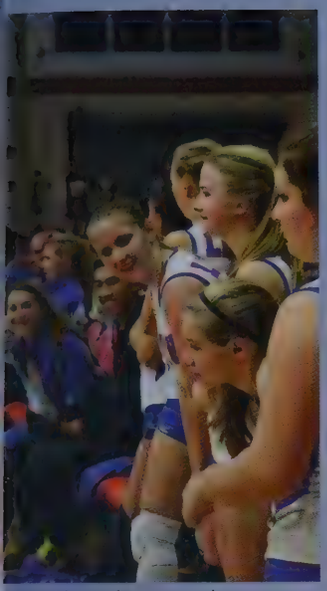
Drill - Pass Don't Pass

Quote - "It's not where you start, it's where you finish

THANKS!! CAPTAINS

This years' captains (from left to right) Rebecca Heller, Sara Gelles-Watnick, and Sydney Rubinstein worked hard to get where they were this season. Rebecca and Sara have both been involved in the program for their four years at NSHS, and Sydney has been involved in the program for three years, since starting as a sophomore. Together these girls were great leaders, positive people, and amazing role-models for everyone else in the program. The team will miss them, and each of their amazing personalities, next year when they head off to college.

Left: Kitty Crowley and Emily Tippett get ready to play the ball.
Middle: Charlotte Robbins, one of the two sophomores on the team, hits the ball over the net to the other side in hopes to win the point.
Right: Nika Varpahovsky and Julia Smith jump up to block the other team's hit.



The girls on the team, who are not playing in a game, stand on the side lines to cheer the on rest of the team.

All of these wonderful players above (Izzy Shishko - top left; Sienna Jackson-Unger - top right; Rebecca Heller - bottom left; Sara G-W - bottom right) each have unique ways of serving the ball to the other team.

HIGHLIGHTS OF
An Amazing 2012 Season

1. Coming back and beating Waltham after being down in the third set, 0-2
2. Getting a chance to show Westford what the volleyball team has to offer by playing five sets with them
3. Getting into the Gold bracket at the Holyoke Showcase of Champions tournament - clearly showing the volleyball players are champions
4. Getting to the fifth set with Bostin-Latin, after being down in the third set, 0-2
5. Beating Acton-Boxboro (one of the top teams in the division)

Team Picture: Top Row from left: Emily Goldstein, Izzy Shishko, Charlotte Huth, Hannah Rabinowitz, Julia Smith, Charlotte Robbins, Emily Kaufman, Emily Tippett, Nika Varpahovsky, Sienna Jackson-Unger, Valeria Kottke, Coach Todd Elwell
Bottom Row from left: Sara Gelles-Watnick, Rebecca Heller, Kitty Crowley, Sydney Rubinstein, Anna Dario, Coach Aniela Liesman

quoting the SENIORS

Right: All the seniors pose for one last picture on the NSHS volleyball team. (left to right) Rebecca Heller says, "Being on the volleyball team was a great experience. The program is one-of-a-kind, and so are the players!" Sara G-W says, "Keep redefining the definition of "team"! Love you all!" Sydney Rubinstein says, "I feel honored to be a part of the Newton South Volleyball program." Ana Dario says, "I had such a great time this season and I will miss playing volleyball with everyone next year." Kitty Crowley says, "I've had so much fun this season and best of luck to next year's team!"

Above: Sydney Rubinstein attacks a ball, jumping high in the air.

Senior Jonee Harrison throws the shotput during an indoor track meet.

Jonee Harrison, Senior

Events: 100-meter dash, shotput, discus

"As a captain, I have a responsibility to be a great leader and mentor to everyone on the team. The girl's coach, Steve McChesney, has helped me greatly. He made me realize my strengths in track and field. I originally thought of myself solely as a thrower. Through his coaching, I realized I'm a great sprinter, and I thank him for that. He also taught me how to be confident and have a winner's mentality."

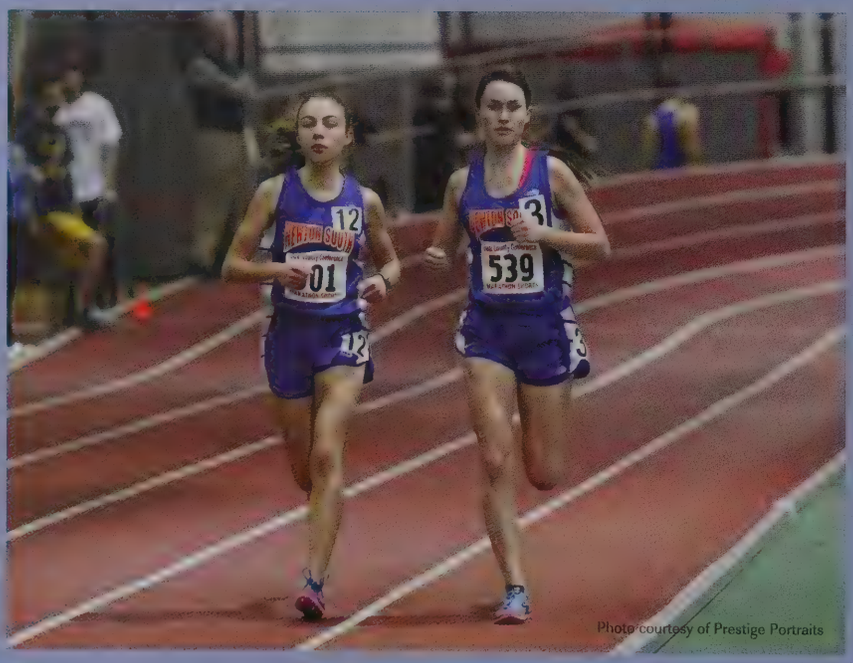
Kyra Visnick, Senior

Events: sprint, triple jump, and pole vault

"I started running track in middle school because I had always liked competing and I loved to race people around playgrounds when I was little. My sister was a pole-vaulter for South so I was influenced by her to start vaulting when I got to high school. I started triple jumping my sophomore year when the team needed someone to fill the event and I automatically fell in love with jumping!

My favorite things about running are how good I feel after a really tough workout and while competing. After a hard workout I feel accomplished and know that I am doing something good to get ahead of our opponents in our next meet. I also love being a competitive athlete because you have to push yourself to help ensure that your team wins."

From left to right: Captains Kyra Visnick, Jonee Harrison, and Leah Abercrombie smile for the camera.



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Above: Lucretia Aguilar and Anna Rhatigan race on the indoor track at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

Spotlight: Lucrecia Aguilar

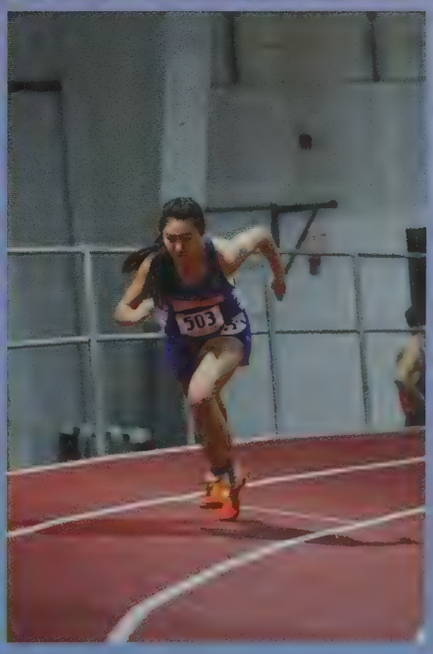
Events: 800-meter, 1000-meter, Mile, Two Mile, 5k

"I actually used to hate running! I never did track or cross country in middle school, so when my friends told me I should do indoor track my freshman year, I was a bit skeptical. But once I started, I was hooked. I just love how supportive and loving the team is, as well as how incredibly fun the sport has proven to be. Originally I started track just to stay in shape, but now I run track and cross country because I don't know what I would do without it."

We Run Like Girls

Try to Keep Up

Girls' Cross Country and Track & Field



Top: (Top row, left to right): Anna Rhatigan, Charlotte Huth, Noosha Aliabadi, Amy Gilbert, Caroline Dellheim, Matia Whiting, Sonya Nair, Ashley Nhek, Sitara Pal, Caraline Pham, Esther Cho, and Sarina Weiss. *Second Row*: Jina An, Sarah Wyner , Ruja Kambli, Louisa Kimmell, Leda Olia, Maia Fefer, Alex Christensen, Sarah Moskowitz, Anna Mason, Sara Wang, Kimberly Ly, and Haruka Wakimoto. *Third Row*: Lizzie Fineman, Sena An, Sophia Cen, Katherine Cullen, Yuriko Fukumura, Michaela Wong, Kelly Pappas , Yasmine Hashemi, Rebecca Grusby, Alekhya Chaparala, and Laura Cotter. *Bottom Row:* Steven McChesney, Kyra Visnick, Jonee Harrison, Greg Killilea, and James Huth.

Bottom Left: (Clockwise from Top Right): Emily Caggiano, Caraline Pham, Sara Wang, Rebecca Grusby, Steven McChesney, Louisa Kimmell, Caroline Dellheim, Anna Rhatigan, Noosha Aliabadi, Leah Jacobson, Matia Whiting, Yasmine Hashemi, Lucrecia Aguilar, Lizzie Fineman, Leda Olia, and Leah Abercrombie smile after finishing a 5k race at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Bottom Right: Jina An races at the beloved Reggie Lewis Athletic Center during indoor track.

Catch Us If You Can

Boys' Cross Country and Track & Field

Practice photos by Sima Kasraie and Karissa Borer, Meet photos by Lifetouch

Above: The boys' outdoor track team smiles for a group picture before practice.
Below right: The boys run shirtless on a hot day.
Below center: The team's sprinters make sure the stretch before running.
Below left: The boys line up to start a hills workout.
Bottom left: Andrew Shaughnessy braves a tough workout.
Bottom right: Nick Marino sprints to the finish line during an indoor track meet.

Senior Captain Marini Lopci:

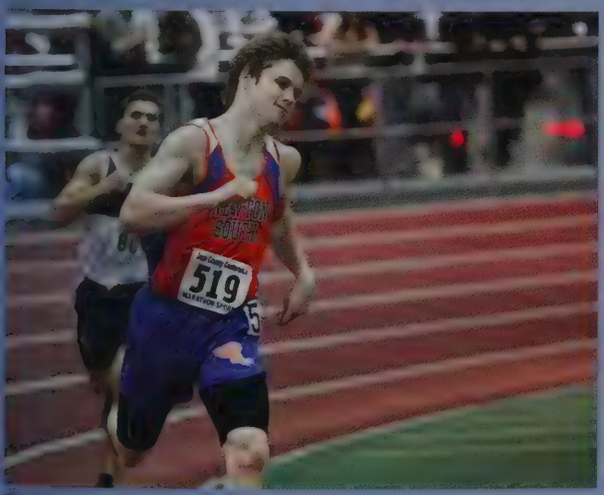
"The track team has come off a really strong indoor season and is more than ready for the outdoor season with the addition of athletes who competed in different sports during the winter. As we look towards the outdoor season, we are hoping to go undefeated during the regular season and win the league championships during the post season."

Senior Captain Jung So Park:

"A lot of people don't recognize how much hard work track and field takes. When you wake up and know that you have a hard workout that day, you really don't want to go to practice and you feel like giving up during workout, but we pick ourselves up and act like a hardworking team."

Senior Jasun Chan:

"Newton South boys track and field is unlike any other sport because we run, jump, and throw as one no matter what the circumstances are, and we all come together as one powerful, resilient team with the heart of a lion. Every single individual on the team knows what it takes to achieve greatness, and you see it in on the track every day when my teammates and I fight through pain and mental strain as a team in order to reach our goals."



SENIOR CAPTAINS

Jung So Park, Marini Lopci, Joe Hickey

Top Right: Ben Eisenberg works hard during a workout.
Center Left: The team sprints up Sharpe Street during a workout
Center Right: Alan Shiu races at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center
Bottom Left: Joe Hickey goes all-out during an indoor track meet
Bottom Right: The sprinters stretch and go for a group run during practice

Dancing Divas

This year's girls dance team was smaller than in previous years, but worked hard to compensate for its size. It even finished 3rd place in a competition at the Reggie Lewis Track Center! Avra Liverman claims that it is not the results, but the people that make the team special. She says,"We're so close with each other and I'm so lucky to have such an amazing team that works so well together."

Above: back row Sammi Goodstein, Jamie Baron, Gali Cohen, Jenny Dorfman.
Front row: Rachel Linsky, Haley Eagle, Taylor Bovarnick, and Hanna Clary.
Right: back row (from left to right): Rachel Linsky and Taylor Bovarnick.
Front row (from left to right): Gali Cohen and Jamie Baron.

Below: Avra Liverman leads the dance team out onto the basketball court for the pep rally.

Senior Spotlight

GALI COHEN

Senior Gali Cohen is an integral part of the Newton South High School Varsity Hip Hop Dance Team. As a captain, she motivates and provides inspiration for her team. She and fellow senior captains, Jamie Baron and Avra Liverman, give pep talks encouraging everyone to do her best and not be nervous before every performance. Gali was recognized for her efforts this year, being given the dance team's 110% award, signifying that she went above and beyond in terms of dedication to the team.

Team Mix
Roman's Revenge
Pound the Alarm
Whip it

KEEP CALM AND CHEER ON

Cheerful Captains

Captain Ashton Nicole Andrews

"It is bittersweet for me to look back at where the Cheerleading team was to where it is today. We have overcome so much. I'm sad to be leaving the team that has been an important part of my life for so long, but I know that it can only do better things from here on out."

Captain T'Lani Tyler

"Starting out as an 8th grader on this team means that I've seen it come from nothing to a big something. We have grown so much as a team; I can honestly say that without the help and dedication of our amazing coach this team wouldn't be as successful as it is. I don't want anyone in this school to underestimate the cheerleading team. After I leave, I want people to remember the senior cheerleaders as the girls who brought this team from nothing to everything it is today."

Captain Elliana Golijov

"This team is a family of dedicated, hard working, self respecting athletes because we understand that we have to work for everything, even the simple recognition as student athletes. I love all my teammates, and as I finish my last year of it, I hope they enjoy the sport and learn as much from it as I was forced to when helping to build it from a trial club back to a varsity team. It was never easy, but I wouldn't change anything about my experience as a Newton South cheerleader."

Junior Spirit!

"I love how we are like a family and I love stunts and jumps."

"In Cheerleading, there's always a challenge and always something to achieve, making it hard to just stop cheering or be bored with it."

"Whether it's a winning or losing season, we're there at every game to support our team. We're a family, we're cheerleaders, and we're leaving our mark."

Pike arches in action!

The Golf team is a very intense group of athletes. Practicing Monday through Thursday, completing 9 holes. Jordy Cohen, a real team player, says his "favorite part of the team is how small it is and how everyone can really be friends" He says it doesn't matter whether you are on varsity or J.V. because for a whole two months everyone is just playing golf together with friends. The team captain's, Matthew Marcus and Max Hooker, have a large leadership role for the other players on the team. They make very important decisions regarding the matches and scheduling. Although this is a very competitive sport, Marcus believes that "there is still a relaxed-feel about the team because of our camaraderie."

Team Picture: Back: Andrew Shapiro, Max Hooker, Harrison Bamel, Dylan Russo,
Front: Jason xxx, Jake Fink, Simon Osorio, Matthew Marcus, Michael Marget
Above Right: Andrew Shapiro
Above Left: Max Hooker
Left Top: Max Hooker
Left Bottom: Michael Marget

DOWN to the MAT

Top left: Patrick Fabrizio fights for the win.
Team Picture: *(Top row)* Mr. Fagan, Jake Gitlin, Sasha Restrepo, Gabriel Betancourt, Tyler Segal, Jacob Freedman, Haggai Vardi, Zach Doherty-Smith, Adam Josephson, Daniel Friedman, Ramin Mozhgani, Elliot Martin, Owen Kreindel, Zachary Nislick, Coach Ratendi, *(Middle row)* Andrew Shields, Eli Kramer, Jacob Lenson, Noah Katz, Danny Horta-Sohmer, *(Bottom row)* Michael Sugrue, Patrick Fabrizio, Will Kramer, Lucian Cascino, Alex Kane, and Joey Pincus pose for a picture.
Bottom left: Lucian Cascino skillfully brings his opponent down.
Top right: Joey Pincus struggles to break free of his opponent's grip.
Middle right: Ramin Mozhgani waits for the best time to attack.
Bottom right: Eli Kramer pins his opponent to the mat.

The Inside Scoop

The intense practices for the Wrestling team prepare the team for their matches. By lifting weights, completing crossfit workouts, and drilling wrestling moves, they are always pushing themselves to become better athletes. Ramin Mozhgani has been wrestling for three years. He says "wrestling is an individual sport. It is just you versus your opponent on the mat." Mozhgani's uses his desire to improve as motivation and says "to me, there is no such thing as 'good enough' so I work everyday as hard as I can."

balancing

Girls Gymnastics

Top Row: Boey Yu, Abbie Richards, Alexa Rhynd, Suzie Kaufman, Liza Hochberg, Libby Weiler, Rose Freudberg
Bottom Row: Kalena Wang, Nina Berezin, Camila Hernandez, Kaela Meyer, Natasha Berezin, Bailey Steinberg, Sally Jenka.

Gymnastics is a skills sport, which is why practices are spent improving skills while having fun at the same time. Their practices are held at Newton North facilities for about two hours, several times a week. Senior Boey Yu has been on the gymnastics team for all four years of High School and has enjoyed every single one of them. She is inspired by Aly Raisman because "she is a great gymnast" and hopes "to have her determination and work ethic some day." While on the gymnastics team, Boey has learned to set goals and push herself to achieve them. Junior Natasha Berezin has been doing gymnastics since she was little. At the moment, Natasha says that her inspiration is "the high school team" and focuses on it because its "healthy for my body". Gymnastics has helped her manage her time.

Above: Alexa Rhynd jumping from the beam.
Above Left: Kaela Meyer, Boey Yu, and Abbie Richards cheering on their teammates.
Left: Kaela Meyer leaping to grab the top bar.

Boys Gymnastics

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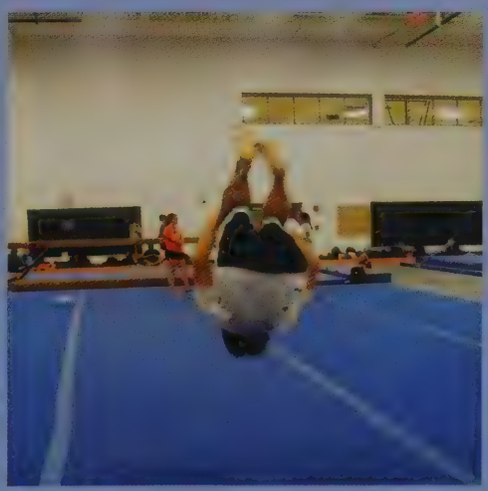
After suffering through multiple dull years, the boys gymnastics team is back and better than ever. Led by tri- captains Will Zhang (Senior), Khashayar Dashti (Junior), and Ado Moshe, the team is performing very well. According to captain Will Zhang, "the team is looking strong and everyone is improving steadily," although Zhang does have concerns about the upcoming years. "No one knows how the team will look in a few years. Hopefully, it won't die out again. If we can get a good batch of freshman, then we'll look swell in the coming years." The squad is in the midst of making a video montage in order to encourage more people to join!

Below: Joshua Pfannl does a handstand on the parallel bars.

Above: (Back row) Matt Lu, Max Tepermeister, Richard Wu, Will Zhang, Michael Trifonov, Joshua Pfannl, *(Front row)* Miles Welbourn, and Carlos Morales pose for a group photo.

Above: Captain Will Zhang waves to the South community.



Above: Will Zhang practices his flips.

Above: Max Tepermeister uses the pommel horse.

Ice, Ice, Baby!
Girls Ice Hockey

Right: Victoria Stoia fights for the puck.

After losing many seniors from last year's squad, the girls ice hockey team had to rebuild its program this year by recruiting young talent. The addition of the new players has had a positive effect on the team. "The new girls are really young, so we did lose a lot in size, but they are all really talented," said senior captain Kayla Kee. The team's goals this season are to work hard at every game without letting up and to get more shots on net. In addition to all their hard work, the team spends a lot time bonding with each other. "So far the team has been getting along really well. We're all really close because the team is so small, and we spend so much time with each other," Kayla concluded.

Above: *(Back row)* Emily Palmer, Julia Gropman, Brianna Jasset, Emily Visco, Sonja Klumpp, Victoria Stoia, Robyn Isberg, Sally Nelson *(Front row)* Morgan Woods, Sydney Caminetsky, Kayla Kee, Karina Alfisher, Maddy Donlan, Marissa Gropman, Elizabeth Barry, and coaches Meg Lloyd and Jeff Reed pose for a team picture

Sonja Klumpp

Sonja Klumpp has been terrorizing opposing ice hockey teams with her skills since she was 5 years old. She has been playing center for South since eighth grade. "Hockey is such a great sport and so fun to play because I love to skate and communicate with my teammates on the ice, and it is also such a stress reliever," Sonja said. For now, Sonja focuses mainly on having a fun time playing the sport, but also hopes to possibly play in college.

Above left: Senior captain Kayla Kee makes an assist.
Above right: Brianna Jasset adjusts her gear before entering the game.
Left: Goalie Karina Alfisher is quick to the puck.

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Skating to Victory
Boys Ice Hockey

Starting out strong with five straight wins, the boys ice hockey team had a successful beginnign of their season. Co-captain Kevin Dober attributed this success to underclassmen, saying, "we've got a lot of young talent." Co-captain Joseph Trask added, "There were many upperclassmen who chose to not play this season so it gave the freshmen and sophomores chances to play at a Varsity level so early. Although most players had never played on a team together before, the young players and the five juniors and seniors have worked well together against some of the best teams in our league. Nearing the halfway mark of the season with a few injured players, new team addition Anders Klumpp will help the team who no doubt has the ability to make the state tournament."

Above: Kevin Dober, Andrew Wales, Nick DiNisco, and Harrison Chebac line up before a game.
Left: Edward Friedman, Matthew Aviles, Wesley Yee, Marcus Swindell, Paul Budge, Kevin Dober, Sean Hart, and James Donlan watch their teammates play.
Below: James Donlan stick handles towards the goal.

Above: Thomas Tresca skates against Wayland.
Left: Edward Friedman challenges an opponent.

International Goalie
Christopher Olsson

Christopher Olsson moved to the U.S. from Sweden this year. Olsson began playing ice hockey at age 7, and decided to join the team at Newton South. According to Olsson, there are a few major differences between Swedish hockey and American hockey. "American rinks are smaller than Swedish rinks, so playing is much more physical here," he explained. Olsson added that hockey in the States is more of a team sport than in Sweden, where it is more individual. "I prefer the team spirit here," he said.

CARVING IT OUT

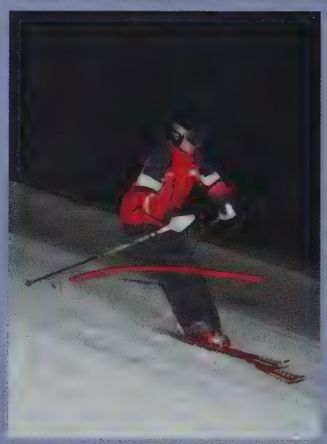
Alpine Ski Team

"This is the team that loves to laugh," noted coach Mike Swain at one the the Alpine Ski Team's dinners. This might have been an understatement. After losing twelve seniors the previous year, the team started the season with smaller numbers than usual, but as a result they grew closer as a team. "It's a really close-knit group of kids," commented captain Suzy Landon, "It's really great to be able to spend time with them on the slopes and to be able to do a sport that I love."

Despite the loss of seniors, the team was able to maintain their standing in the competitive Alpha League this year thanks to its younger talent. We got a lot of new talent and had a lot of people stepping up from last year's too," said Suzy.

The ski team requires a lot of dedication. They practices only twice a week, but on those days they get back as late as ten thirty in the evening. "I try to get a lot of work done on the weekends to stay ahead," said Suzy. The team made the best of their late-night bus rides, though, by playing rounds of "Soulmate" and holding improvised Karaoke dance parties.

"I think it was a really great season," summarized Suzy "I had a lot of fun."



Top: The team pauses practice for a picture. Clockwise from top left: Coach Mike Swain, Cate Eberman, Kaska Hamedi, Joey Cohen, Jake Scherlis, Mark Hochberg, RJ Hayes, Eli Levine, Ethan Ruder, Coach Maureen Swain, Suzy Landon, Kayla Freedman, Lucy Holmes, Ellie Bakatchuk, Josh Freier, Sasha Winston-Kahn, Emma Race, Molly Mackler, Jessica Landon (not pictured: Josh Sapers, Eli Levine, Leah Jacobson, Karen Weinstock, Liam Shanny, Jonas Warnke).
Center Left: Mark Hochberg practices his form at practice.
Center: Sasha Winston-Kahn and Kayla Freedman demonstrate their swag.
Center Right: The gates are no match for Josh "Sassy" Freier.
Above Left: (From left) Seniors Suzy Landon, Julia Goldberg, and Emma Race piggyback on Jonas Warnke, RJ Hayes, and Jake Scherlis.
Above Center: Team members Ethan Ruder, Jake Scherlis, Josh Freier, Jonas Warkne, Joey Cohen, Kate Eberman, Leah Jacobson, and Karen Weinstock pose for a group photo at a race.
Bottom Right: Julia Goldberg, RJ Hayes, and Suzy Landon (and Josh Sapers, not pictured) worked well together as captains throughout the season.

Photographs by Lifetouch and the Ski Team

FANTASTIC FOUR

Nordic Ski Team

Less is more, at least for this year's Nordic Ski Team. With a mere four members, and only two returning skiers, the team was one of the smallest the school has had. For sophomore Deszo Wyner, the team's small size brought some benefits. "I liked how it was four people, because everyone know who everyone else was, and exactly how good each person was," he observed, also conceding that the small size had its downsides: "you couldn't find a person to talk to who you had never talked to before."

In addition to its size, the team was also challenged this year by a huge gap between its members' skill levels. While one team member had competed in the state championship, another had never cross country skied before. Still, the team worked hard to improve, and by the end of the season everyone on the team could race competitively.

Cross Country Skiing is no walk in the park, or the snow. "It's physically demanding... you get a good workout," noted Deszo. The team was also challenged physically by their relatively small course at the Weston Ski Track, where they practice three times a week. "There were a lot of small hills and fast turns, and that wasn't really the best," Deszo said.

With no seniors on the team, the Nordic Skiers had no sad goodbyes to say this year, and they are looking ahead to the next season. They hope to get more members, and, Deszo said, "we didn't work out before the season... definitely something we need to do next year."

Top: Winston Jiang, coach Jeff Riklin, Deszo Wyner, Sophie Macarthur, and Sam Noymer made up the small but skilled Nordic Ski Team this year.
Above Left: Captain Sam Noymer braves the cold and wears shorts to practice
Bottom Left: Winston Jiang was new to the sport this season.
Bottom Right: Deszo Wyner works on his technique during a practice at the Weston Ski Track.

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Making a Splash

This year's Swim & Dive team has a junior varsity team and a varsity team for the first time in recent history due to a growing number of participants and the desire to avoid making cuts. Although the teams practice separately, the swim program as a whole is still a "close knit community," according to senior captain Ben Eisenberg. He attributes this structure to the way everyone interacts with one another."We're always supportive of each other regardless of whether someone raced well," he added. Senior captain Jenny Kaufman says, " We all love each other! Swim team is one big happy family!" The team also fosters a community feel through its team dinners and traditions. Before every meet, the team does its special dojo cheer. Another tradition? The girls team watches a movie together to get pumped up for important races. Kaufman says, "we watch Stick It before girls states and then we stick it at the meet."

Top right: Ben Eisenberg makes himself as flat as a diving board.
Middle left: Bryan Cheng resembles Micheal Phelps as he barrels down the lane.
Middle right: Sumo Kin does the crawl.
Left: (Back row) Diving Coach Maria, Asst. Coach Kelly, Connor McBain, Bryan Cheng, Sum Wan, Ryan Spatz, Nicole Vertescher, Elizabeth Barnett, Jenny Kaufman, Jessie Rosen, Annie Buddy, Curtis Teitleman, Ben Eisenberg, Musa Mustafayev, Tristan Pesaresi, Coach Phil Martin, Noah Rivkin, (*Middle row)* Andrew Shaughnessy, Cameron Walsh, Jackie Bussgang, Lisa Last, Claire McElduff, Kayla Chan, Alicia Lam, Sophia Autor, Anna Garik, Phil Tsien, *(Front row)* Daniel Mizrahi, Brandon Chang, Ben Barnes, Sam Rubel, Alex Song, Sophie Delaney, Alexa Miller, Alexia Miquel, Caroline Melly, Drew Cohen, and Sam London smile for the camera.

Young Olympians in the Making Despite Hardships

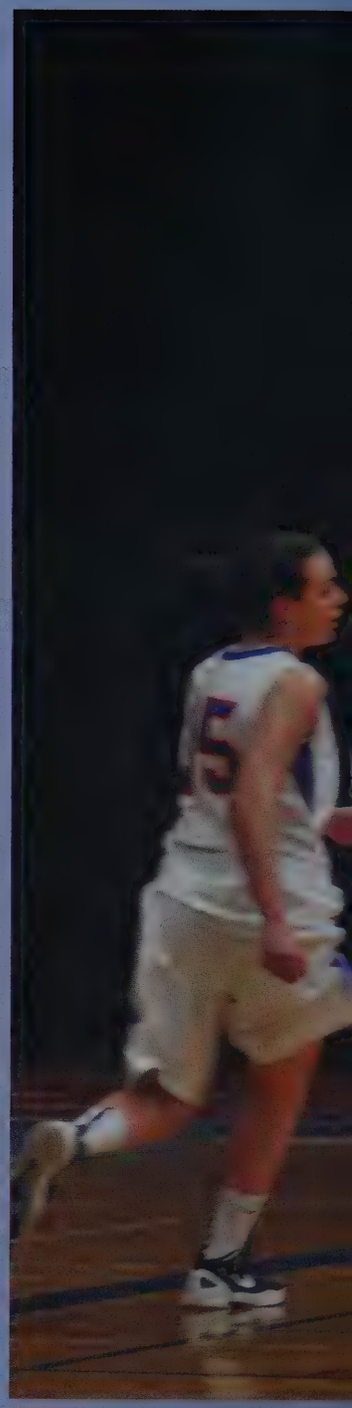
There are many challenges that Newton South's swimmers face. Many people underestimate how draining the sport can be. Senior captain Ben Eisenberg said, "Swimming and diving both take a lot of athleticism, but I find it's mentally more straining than physically." Not only do Newton South swimmers have to deal with focusing on improving their times despite physical and mental strain, they also have to contend with the technical difficulties at Newton North's pool. The team was once even kicked out of the pool by a custodian, and, on another occasion, was forced to stop practice due to a power outage. Despite the hardships, senior captain Jenny Kaufman insists, "We love it anyways! We LOVE swimming!"

Top left: Captains Ryan Spatz, Jenny Kaufman, Jessie Rosen, and Ben Eisenberg lead the team.
Top right: Kayla Chan parts the sea.
Above middle: Elizabeth Barnett makes waves.
Far left: Something is fishy between Cameron Walsh and Ben Barnes.
Upper Left: A South swimmer dives.
Above right: Caroline Melly backs it up.
Left: Seniors Bryan Cheng, Noah Rivkin, Jenny Kaufman, Nicole Vertescher, Elizabeth Barnett, Jessie Rosen, and Ben Eisenberg are headed to the 2016 Olympics.

Swim & Dive

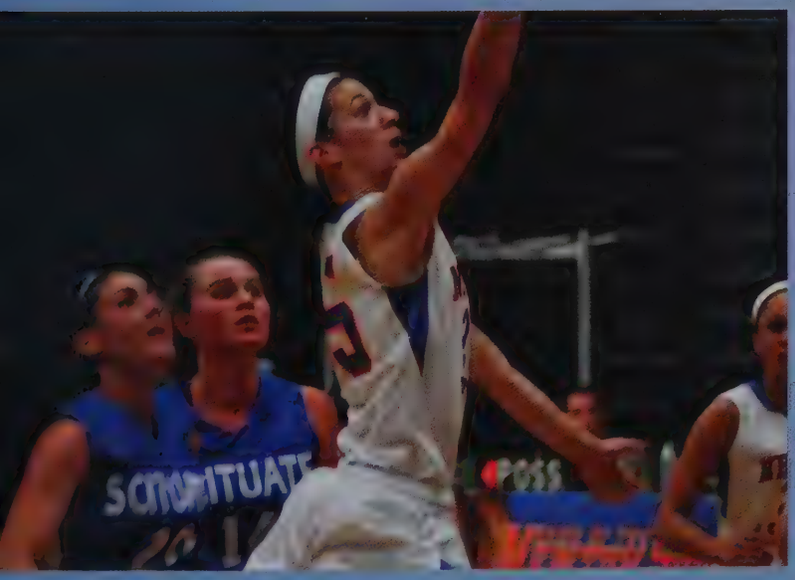
HOOP
THERE IT IS

The Girl's Basketball team didn't have to play many name games this year; this season's team was fortunate to be made up mostly of returning players. "We have more experience playing together since we have many returning players from last year," commented senior and team captain Tori Swartz. Despite falling short of making the tournament last year, the team came back to the court this season with a new energy, and the captains agreed to focus on improving their post-season performance this year. To achieve this goal, captain Charlotte Levine says that the team is making small changes each game in order to progress as a team. The team proved this season that they were filled with incredible talent and lots of potential. Division 1 recruit and team captain Kayla Burton was a major asset to the team, helping lead them with extreme talent and great leadership. Though they kept most of their practice routine the same, the team's close bond this year has allowed them to play better and more cohesively than in previous seasons.



Top left: Anjali Oberoi dribbles the ball up the court.
Top middle: Lily Levine runs into the game.
Top right: The captains Tori Schwartz, Charlotte Levine, and Kayla Burton pose for a picture.
Right: Kayla Burton breaks away from opposing defenders.

Center: Hannah Lass warms up before a big game against Scituate. *Left:* Lauren Levey dribbles past a defender, towards the hoop.
Below: (Back row) Roni Tamir, Shaylah Kelly, Tori Swartz, Charlotte Levine, Kayla Burton, Janelle Watty, Maddie Connolly, Anjali Oberoi, *(Front row)* Lily Levine, Hannah Lass, Julia Hurwit, Emily Chang, Lauren Levey, and Jessa Rubera smile for the picture.



Spotlight

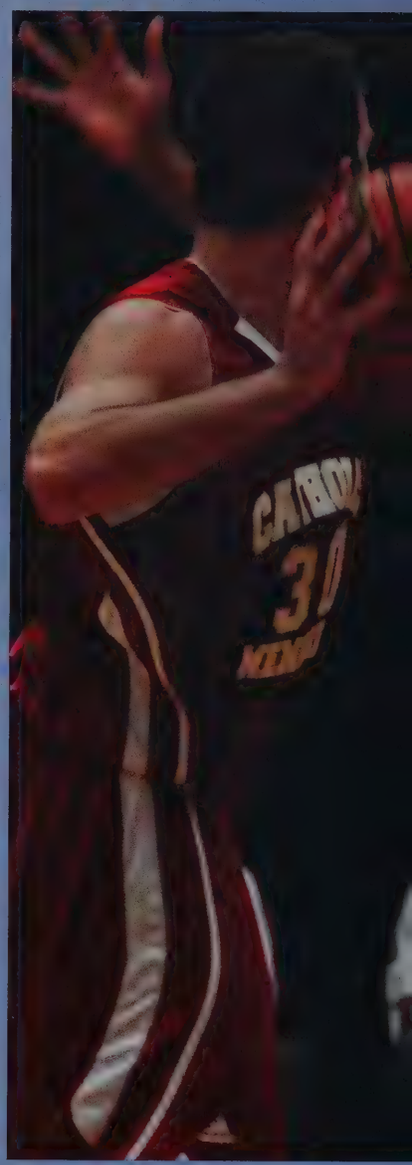
Jessa Rubera: #25

This year was junior Jessa Rubera's second year on the varsity basketball team. Jessa, who has been playing basketball since she was five years old, fills a variety of positions for the team. Because the team has lots of talent, Jessa does not have one set position, but rather usually plays either point guard or shooting guard. A major asset to the team, Jessa hopes to eventually take her talent to college.

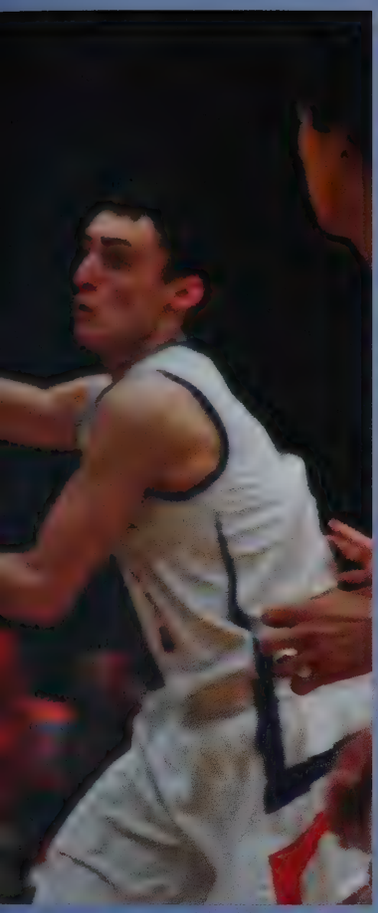
BALLIN'
Boys Basketball

This year, the Varsity Boy's Basketball team came into their season ready to compete. The team spent a lot of time playing in the offseason, focusing on learning to play as a team and getting to know each other on the court. By the time they reached the official start of preseason, they were already used to each other's play. "Playing in the summer league at the Boys & Girls Club and the fall league at the Dorchester House were both good experiences for us to really find out where we stood and what everybody needs to work on," commented senior captain Barak Swarttz. The team hopes all of their offseason preparation will help them reach their goal of making the tournament this year.

In addition to practicing over the summer, the team's pre-season training helped them come into the season prepared for every game. Swarttz said that despite probably getting "creamed by a good fifteen to thirty points" in big games last year, the current team has been able to stay strong in their difficult games this season. The team's hard work has had concrete results; their home opener against Catholic Memorial, the team ranked eighteenth in basketball in Massachusetts, went into overtime this season. "We most definitely have one of the most talented teams skill-wise in the DCL. We just need to put all the pieces together." said Swarttz.



Above: Geoff Gray runs the ball up the court.
Above right: Matt Swalboski dribbles to the hoop.
Right: Jason Karys passes with deceitful eyes.
Far right: Deion Arneaud pressures an opponent, forcing a pass.



Far left: Barak Swarttz passes off the ball to set up a big play.
Left: Deion Arneaud throws down a dunk over a Catholic Memorial defender.
Below: Matt Swalboski drains a jump shot for three points.

Spotlight

John Banks, #22

Although John Banks has been playing basketball since he was little, he only started played organized basketball two years ago. This season, as one of nine seniors on the team, Banks is a power forward and a major contributor on the court. "His voice is vast on the team," observes the team captain. Even when John is not on the court, he works hard and motivates his teammates. John loves playing with the team and plans to play intramural basketball in college.

Left: The team lifts their sticks in a show of spirit and team unity.

Bottom left: Jessie Katz runs to the sideline for the short water break.

Bottom right: Shelbie Colledge pays close attention to the opponent's moves while she guards the goal.

Girls Lacrosse

Cradling Victory

This season, the girls lacrosse team started out with a big win. In fact, it was the first win for this team of the past two seasons. The team's student athletes worked extremely hard at practices, and their dedication immediately paid off. To make the girls' first victory even more impressive, the team's goalie, Shelbie Colledge, was a new member of the team and had never played a game of lacrosse before. With thirteen seniors, the team has never been so strong.

Team Picture - *Back row (left to right)*: Sonja Klumpp, Marissa Cropman, Shelbie Colledge, Anna Loar, Sydney Caminetsky, Amy Cohen, Kristen Spink, Annie O'Brien, Lauren Sherman, Christina Helbert, Katie Doran, Cate Eberman, and Coach Erica Shapiro. *Front row (left to right)*: Francesca Sands, Elena Ramos, Abby Coleman, Charlotte Levine, Kayla Kee, Rebecca Heller, Jessie Katz, Louisa Warnke, and Sophie Swetz.

Top right: The team huddles during a timeout to discuss strategies and plan their next moves.
Bottom left: Sophie Swetz, Kate Eberman and other teammates cheer their teammates on from the sideline.
Bottom right: Louisa Warnke scrimmages for the ball.

Far left: Junior Darius Hare throws a poke check as he runs with a Belmont middie.
Middle left: Zac Davidson runs the ball by opposing middies off of a face off.
Left: Long-stick middie Eric Dalitzky runs in as junior Jake Alexander takes a face off.
Second row far left: Division I recruit Josh Gordon split dodges by two Belmont defenders.
Second row left: Senior Captain Matt Roberts runs his attack man down the alley.

Boys Lacrosse

A Season of Sacrifice

This season the Boy's Lacrosse team's goal was to make it to the Division 1 state tournament for the first time in school history. The team had its best record in history last year and, having graduated very few team starters, hoped to improve its record even more this year. The team, made up almost entirely of juniors and seniors (with some help from the sophomore class), opened the season with two important wins against Belmont and Medford. With four players committed to play collegiate lacrosse, the boy's lacrosse team had the talent to compete and strive to become the school's first team to make it to the state tournament. The coaches philosophy for the year year was centered around sacrifice. Recognizing the team's talent, Coach David McCallum is hoping the team will make sacrifices and work hard each day in order to make history this season.

Above: The team crowds around coach David McCallum as he reviews offensive and defensive plays during a time out.

Above left: Eric Dalitzky picks up a ground ball.

Far left: Senior Peter Block rips a shot past his defender towards the cage.

Left: Senior Captain Zach Pawa dodges from behind the net, setting up the motion offense

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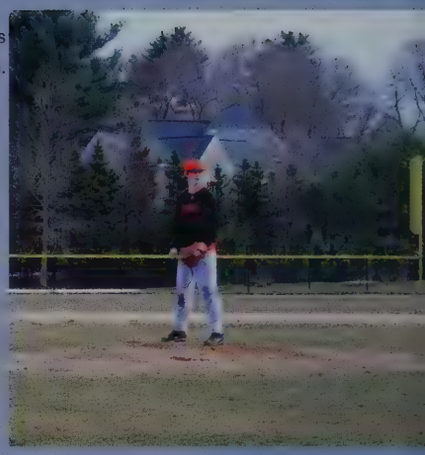
Baseball

"As a senior, I look forward to enjoying my last season and passing on the **winning** tradition of Newton South Baseball."

- Justin Moy

So far, the baseball team has been working hard to improve their basic skills in order to once again have a successful season. They have fourteen new players in addition to the ten returning varsity players. The team hopes to make the tournament again this year as well as again have a winning record. The captains hope that the team's commitment and improvement will pay off in the end. As captain Jesse Feldstein says, "Building a tradition...one pitch at a time."



Reagan Colnon gets ready to pitch.

Captains *(Left to right)*: Erik Manditch, Jesse Feldstein, Justin Moy

"When I'm in a long block on a Wednesday now, it helps knowing that the winter is over, **baseball** is back, and there's a practice or game to look forward to that afternoon."

- Erik Manditch

Cris Keo sprints to home plate, hoping he gets the run.

Bryan Sellers throws to make the play at first base.

Top row (left to right): Coach Hart, Coach Jordan, Evan Nahabedian, Dylan Russo, James Patti, Ethan Wehrwein, Jesse "stud" Feldstein, Reagan Colnon, Mike Kinch, Coach Hall, Coach Aiena.
Middle row (left to right): Bryan Sellers, Jeremy Knight, Chris Roberts, Justin Moy, Chris Keo, Ben Bavly, Josh Lee, Ethan Ruder, Michael Moy, Gerry Leung, Dan Goldstein.
Bottom row (left to right): Nathaniel Bolter, Erik Manditch, Curt Lyon, Ben Alexander.

"With good veteran **leadership** and clutch performances from underclassmen, we could really make some noise in an extremely competitive conference."

- Jesse Feldstein

Justin Moy snaps the ball to first.

The team gathers around the coaches.

Photographs taken by Emily Goldstein

Softball

Captains *(Left to right)*: Laura Kessel, Annie McDonald-Schwartz, Maya Alper

"I expect us to really **excel** on the field."
- Maya Alper

Coaches *(Left to right)*: Nicole Latini, Alan Kaplan, Dave Salett, and Bob Cohen

"I've seen so many of the players improve their skills and I have seen them turn into amazingly **confident** people as well as players."
- Annie McDonald-Schwartz

The girls gather around the coaches to prepare for a game.

Top Row (Left to Right): Dave Salett, Bob Cohen, Maddie Connolly, Monica Cipriano, Kylie Walters, Kim-An Quinn, Minh-An Quinn, Alan Kaplan, and Nicole Latini. *Middle Row (Left to Right)*: Hannah Shields, Laura Kessel, Annie McDonald-Schwartz, Maya Alper, and Maya Polasky. *Bottom Row (Left to Right)*: Joy Yang, Morgan Woods, Rebecca Houston-Read.

Joy Yang gets a ground ball.

The girls practice hitting before a game.

Maya Alper throws the ball to make a play at first.

This season the softball team has eleven returning players and two new ones. Because they only lost three seniors last year, the team has a lot of experience. The team has been working hard on strength and conditioning as well as pitching, catching, and hitting.

Annie McDonald-Schwartz dives to catch a fly ball in the outfield.

Laura Kessel cheers her team on by juggling on the sidelines.

Rebecca Houston-Read jumps to catch the fly ball hit towards 2nd base.

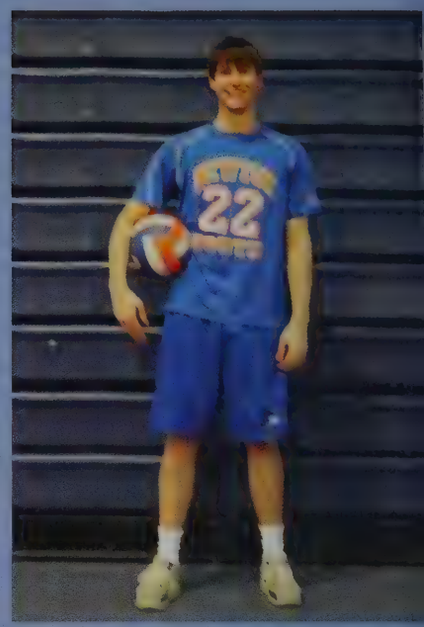
Maya Alper hits a line drive to center field.

"We have such a **close-knit** team with a lot of great kids so it's really fun to be able to spend a lot of time together."
- Laura Kessel

Photographs taken by Emily Goldstein

Boys Volleyball

Back row (left to right): Coach Chaloff, Jonathan Lee, Michael Horenstein, Joe Esbenshade, Trevor burnes, Alexander Mei, Zach Kauffman, Victor Perri, Anthony Fu, Richard Denitto, Jared Chin, Zach Stein, Coach Elwell, Devon Woods (manager)
Front row (left to right): Brendon Duggan, Zach Litchman, Robin Kurosawa, Omer Stein, Craig Kauffman, Paul Vassiloff, Zach Halpryn, Ben Snyder, Wesley Yee, Tomer Stein



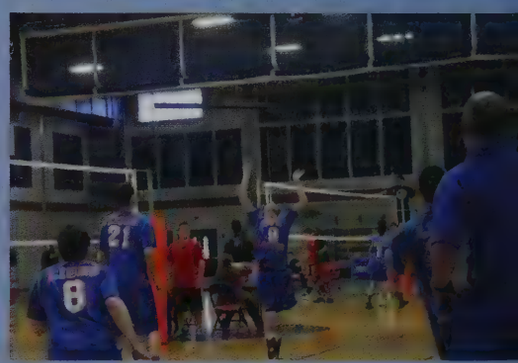
Paul Vasiloff is the middle hitter for the boys' volleyball team as well as being the captain. Paul started his volleyball career when he was a freshman. From the start, Paul knew that the volleyball team had a strong bond. According to Paul, "Newton South volleyball has a long tradition of being a winning program and it's always great being a part of something like that." Also, Paul says, "we win as a team and lose as a team. No exceptions."

Alexander Mei plays outside for the boys varsity volleyball team. He loves to "watch all the good hitters destroy the other team." Alexander says that he knows that the " team has my back [and] I feel like I have [the] confidence to play." Alexander loves playing volleyball and is very passionate about it.

Ben Snyder (on the right) and Paul Vassiloff (on the left) defend their team by blocking.

Jonathan Lee hits a speedy spike to attack his opponent.

Robin Kurosawa spikes intensely to knock down his opponent.



Jared Chin sets for the spiker to terminate the opponent.

Girls Tennis

Senior Abby Rice practices.

Back Row (left to right): Coach Jampol, Sofia Epshtein, Dylan Block, Leena Chacrone, Eliza G-F, Alexa Miller, Alexandra Robertson, Abigail Belozerova, Asako Takeuchi, Kristi Yang, Sabrina Belozerova
Front Row (left to right): Abby Rice, Jillian Marks, Lulu Wan, Ally Bovarnick, Alexia Miquel, Sasha Badov, Isabel Schulman, Michelle Bushoy

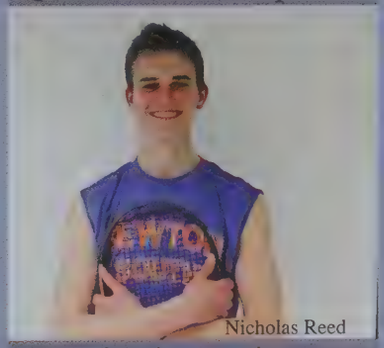
Sofie Ephstein is the sole tennis captain and the only returning senior from last year's varsity squad. This year she is focused on improving team unity through more team dinners and bonding activities. She wants the team to feel like a community even though it's an individual sport.

Boys Tennis

Top row: Ben Lipper, Daniel Carney, Daniel Morris, Andy Dunayevskiy, Adin Insoft , Michael Marget, Ben Stern, Jarryd Niessenbaum , Guy Stein
Bottom Row: Mr Palilunas, Jason Feldman, Cameron Pennell Eli Lerner, Anton Malin, Andrew Chow, Sephane Rhynd, Jack Rice, Nicholas Reed, Ethan Kestenberg, Dan Nissenbaum, Peter Blum, Dean Zeldich, Mr. MacFarland

The tennis team has high hopes for the 2013 season. Last year it missed the playoffs by one match, and it only lost three seniors. Captain Jack Rice describes the team as "close-knit." He says that although JV and Varsity are officially two separate teams, the tennis program is more like one team because everyone practices together. Additionally, the tennis team has at least one team dinner a week and bonds over bagels after every away match.

Q&A with the Captain



Nicholas Reed

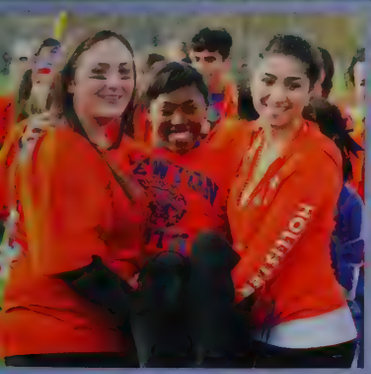
Q: How long have you been playing tennis?
A: I began seriously playing tennis in the summer of seventh grade.
Q: Why do you like being on the tennis team?
A: I love the dual-nature of the tennis team in that it can be highly individualistic but team oriented at the same time.
Q: If you were a woman tennis player who would you be?
A: Maria Sharapova!

Center: The Senior team shows who's number one (and also number thirteen)
Above: Senior Clara Abramson reaches for junior Lizzie Fineman as she sprints into the endzone
Above Right: Seniors Kyra Visnick and Charlotte Levine get serious before the game
Bottom Right: Senior offensive team Sydney Rubinstein, Francesca Sands, Jenny Kaufman, Laura Kessel, Catherine Eberman, and Leah McTigue all with their heads in the game

Girl Power

The Lady Lions went all out at the annual powderpuff junior-senior girls' football game

After the pre-Thanksgiving Pep Rally, a sea of blue and orange jerseys trooped out to the stadium field for the Junior-Senior Powderpuff football game. The competition was fierce this year; both teams put forward some strong players. In the end Kyra Visnick, Kayla Kee, and Lauren Astrachan scored 26 points for the seniors, leading them to victory, while Charlotte Levine and Karissa Borer worked hard on defense to take the other number on the scoreboard low. After a scoreless first half, Lizzie Fineman was able to break through and score a touchdown for the Juniors, with help from Sophie Macarthur as quarterback. Charlotte Levine said of the seniors' win "I feel good. Last year the game didn't go so well, so it was nice to come into our senior season and really do what we came here to do... We practiced hard, we deserve this, we worked for this"



Top: Junior team huddles for one last cheer before taking positions on the field
Second From Top: Seniors Jamie Baron, Kristen Cipriano, Lily Ramin, Rena Heras, and Raquelle Zelada pose for a photo after the game
Center: The Juniors smile for a pre-game picture
Center Left: Juniors Caroline Leong and Hannah Shields jump for joy before the game
Center Right: Senior Caroline Zola shows her spirit for her fellow senior players
Bottom Left: Seniors Alanna Milshtein, Ashton Nicole Andrews, and Sima Kasraie smile with excitement during the last minutes of the game
Bottom Right: Juniors Jessa Rubera, Sarina Weiss, Kayla Chan, and Frances Christakis listen close in a huddle

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ACADEMICS

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ONE SCHOOL one book

Top: Students participate in the storytelling panel.
Bottom right: Seniors Dan Kaufman, Dan Barbasi, Nick Reed, and Connor MacBain impersonate the character Augustus Waters.
Bottom left: Principal Stembridge addresses the school.

Top right: Jothy Rosenberg gives a speech.
Bottom right: Students listen to Jothy Rosenberg.
Left: Emily Sharp, Emma Race, Robert Maratos, Janice Cen, and Sophie Veksler watch a video.

This year's One School, One Book event took place on Friday, September 21 and was centered around *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. The book is about a love story between two cancer patients, Hazel Grace and Augustus Waters. Reactions to the novel were mixed. Some students and teachers liked the idea behind an unconventional cancer story narrated by a teenage girl, while others believed the novel was unrealistic and too simple for in-depth analysis. The event included panels on sports, arts, humor, relationships, science, storytelling, heroes and survivors, and culture and religion.

Top Right: Mr. Baxton shares a story.
Bottom right: Ms. Rosen leads a discussion
Left: Students assemble in the fieldhouse.

math

MY FAVORITE DIGIT IS ...

1

Kyra Visnick says "it's #1"

9

Sophie Scharlin-Petee says "it factors out in a cool inverted pattern"

0

Rebecca Shpektor says "you can't divide by it"

7

Kristin Cipriano says "its my favorite hockey player's number"

4

Samari Ijezie says "It's always been my favorite number since I was a kid"

A Young Mathematician

While many of his classmates in the sixth grade were learning the basics of factoring and pre-algebra, Mikaeel Yunus, now a freshman, had already scored a 730 on the SAT Math Level I subject test... Yunus' interest in and talent for math also led him to take the AP Calculus AB exam in eighth grade. As a freshman, Yunus is enrolled in AP Calculus BC. Yunus' calculus teacher, Charles Petrizzi, said that Yunus' outlook has contributed to his success in this college level course.

...Yunus said that behind his achievement lies a passion for mathematics that motivates him to delve deeper and deeper into the complex field. "What I like about math is the logic behind it," Yunus said. "It's a set of rules that a bunch of remarkable men and women have found over the years that basically explain how nature works by applying those rules to any situation you're given. It's remarkable that math can apply to the real world when it's just a bunch of numbers, letters and equations." In the future, Yunus said that he hopes to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology or Stanford University and then to translate his love of math and science into a career.

-The Lions Roar

What Sign Are You?

Addition

"Things coming together is a beautiful thing"

Melanie Erspamer

Multiplication

"We plan on going forth and multiplying"

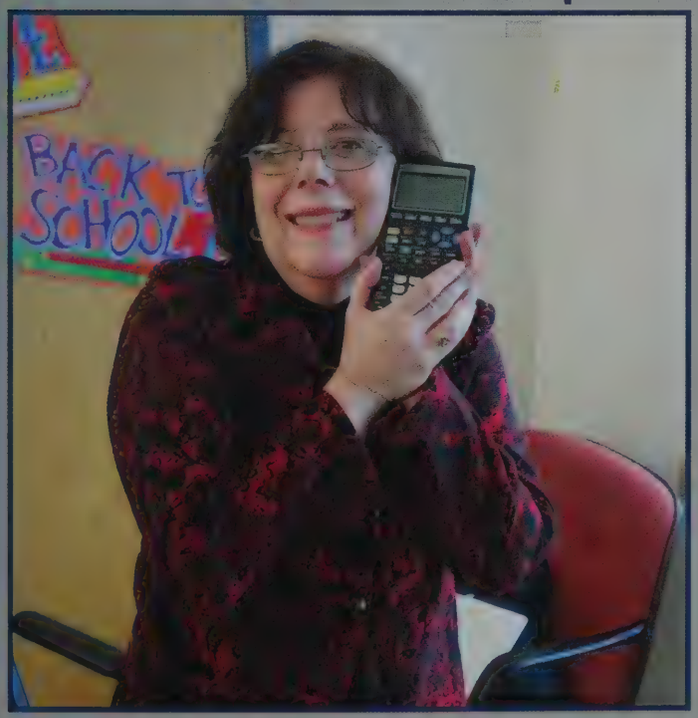
Ben Eisenberg and Rebecca Maxwell

Addition

"I've known it the longest"

Jon Stricker

A Teachers Perspective



Mrs. Alimenti has been a math teacher at Newton South High School for many years. She couldn't imagine herself doing anything else and she specifically loves being a math teacher because, "I love math and I love working with young people". This year especially, Mrs. Alimenti believes that the classes have been very good and well behaved. When asked what sign she would be, "cosine" was the first to pop into her head. She has a family history of having the lucky number 7 and has chosen it has her favorite digit. Mrs. Alimenti and her calculator have been though some difficult problems together and have become quite the pair, "My calculator's name would be Emma, I like the name and it's a popular".

Once Upon a Time...

My favorite English class is Film Studies because you get to watch movies and you learn more than you do in any other class. It's all encompassing.
-Senior, Sean DiMarco

My favorite English class is Words that Change the World because I have learned a lot about all different types of words in this wonderful class.
-Senior, Sophie Veksler

5 Favorite Books

1. Harry Potter
2. Lord of the Rings
3. Sylvester
4. To Kill a Mockingbird
5. Catcher in the Rye

Junior, Melanie Erspamer

Thoughts from our English Baron

Brian Baron, head of the English Department

Brian Baron has been the head of the English department for five years, and has been teaching English for seventeen. In his fifteen years at South, Mr. Baron has taught a plethora of courses including: freshman curriculum one, sophomore curriculum one and two, junior curriculum two, and AP English Language and Journalism, the latter being his favorite. Not only did he major in journalism in college, but he also developed South's AP course.

When asked what his favorite book taught at South is, he immediately replied, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. He said, "It's a book about modern times but it takes place in the 1920s."

Mr. Baron has several goals for South's English department. He hopes to make the curriculum more consistent by having teachers teaching the same course collaborate more. He also hopes to helps kids who struggle with reading do better. He says, "at south, we do a good job of detecting when kids struggle with reading, but not of helping them". This is part of the reason that South holds an annual book sale with part of its proceeds going towards literacy. He would also like to make One School, One Book more fun and collaborative.

Senior English Class Words that Change the World with seniors Lauren Wong, Wennie Haos, Alanna Milshtein, and Kevin Zhu (left to right)

Senior English Class Words that Change the World with seniors Suzy Landon, Ben Eisenberg, and Jenny Kaufman (left to right)

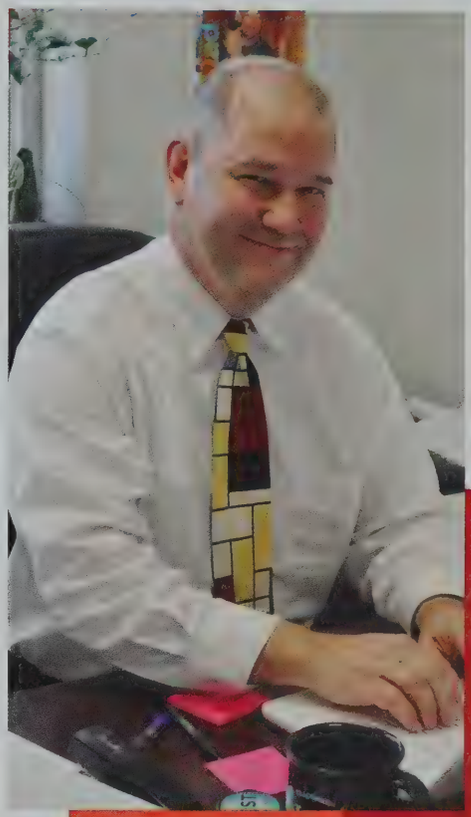
Right: Lab partners Luke Mallory and Carly Meisel enjoy working on experiments in chemistry class.
Bottom Left: Emily Goldstein looks into a microscope
Bottom Right: Oliver Xie and Dylan Johnson like spending time in SLIC (Science Learning and Instructional Center).

A table set up for a biology experiment

Family chemistry project molecules

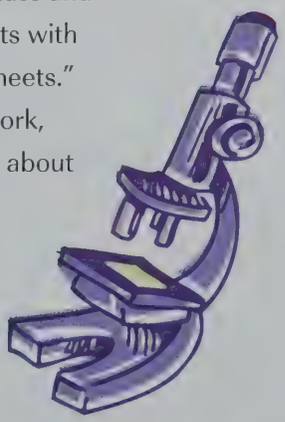
Scientists in the making

Mr. Gagnon, the new Science Department Head, was a Physics teacher at Needham High School before coming to Newton South. He enjoys his job and speaks highly of his experience at South thus far. He says that the administration is very strong and that the Science teaching staff is "committed, talented, and dedicated." Mr. Gagnon, along with other Science teachers, decided to add to the AP Biology and Honors Chemistry curriculums this year due to class-size increases and a desire to challenge students. Mr. Gagnon feels as though the students have helped with his transition. "The students have been great-very warm and engaging, and certainly have made me feel welcome." He really enjoys his classroom and administrative time. It was important to him that he was able to be in a position where he had the opportunity to teach. Mr. Gagnon feels as though "the teaching part keeps [him] grounded." Mr. Gagnon is a great addition to the Newton South staff and he's "happy to have a very talented group of individuals working together" to make the Science Department the best it can be.



teachers hard at work

Ms. Vachon, second from the left enjoys going around during class and helping each group of students with their "Team Learning Worksheets." These students are hard at work, asking Ms. Vachon questions about Chemistry.



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Making History

Perspective of a History Teacher

History has already happened, but our view of the past is constantly changing as more sources and stories are unearthed in the present. The Newton Public Schools' Teaching American History Grant, run by Mr. Kozuch, offers courses that explore issues ranging from gender roles to African American narratives. The program works to deepen U.S. history teachers' understanding of the past, as well as providing them with new and effective teaching techniques. Mr. Kozuch said, "We have to make sure not only that what we're teaching is up to date, but also inclusive of all different kinds of people." Making sure the voices of different groups are heard is necessary to give students a clearer and less biased view of history.

Setting aside the dates and the facts, history teachers ultimately aim to teach students how to learn. "We want you to be able to think critically and objectively so you can become a lifelong learner," said Ms. Linder, who teaches both World and U.S. History.

Above: Ms. Linder helps Tom Howe analyze a political cartoon in her U.S. history class.

Right: Naomi Eisenberg and Bomi Lee read and analyze a primary source.

Who is your favorite U.S. President?

"My favorite president is JFK because of his policies and his general good attitude. He was much more charismatic and interesting than his opponent, both on TV and off. I would have loved to have seen his inauguration."

-Brianna McIsaac

"My favorite president would have to be Lincoln because he was successful in helping our country through the Civil War and ending slavery."

-Alicia Lam

"My favorite president was FDR because in a time of desperate need of economic repair with the great depression, he didn't waste a second and within the first 100 days of his presidency spearheaded major legislation and issued a profusion of executive orders that instituted the New Deal—a variety of programs designed to produce relief, recovery, and reform."

-Zuzana Skvarkova

"My favorite president is Bill Clinton because my friend Connor met him one time."

-Andrew Dembling

Bringing the World To the Classroom

In response to Europe's debt crisis, Dr. Russell's AP Comparative Government class dressed up, brought in food, and debated whether Greece should leave the European Union. Students acted as prominent political figures such as Angela Merkel, Herman Van Rompuy, and David Cameron. Keegan Stricker (right), enjoyed posing as a mock politician. "It's really interesting to see someone, even if they don't necessarily agree with who they are in the debate, still try to convince the other side." The debate took multiple days, during which students tried to put together coalitions, discussed over video chat, and voted on the issue. According to Emma Race, "The challenge was figuring out what our person would or wouldn't agree with."

As with the actual E.U., the class had a difficult time reaching a consensus, and the results were inconclusive. The event, however, was successful in that it helped students see through the perspectives of a variety of world leaders.

Left: Charlotte Levine and Keegan Stricker discuss the European debt crisis.

Above: Dr. Russell helped moderate and guide the class over the course of the debate.

Above: Ami Kutzen debates as Christine Lagarde, a French politician.

Photos by Yu Ching Chang

LATIN

LINGUA LATINA

Senior Josh Nislick-

I first took Latin in seventh grade because I wanted to try something new and I think it teaches a lot about the broad topic of language and grammar. One way my teacher really made the subject come alive was by teaching us songs about different grammatical aspects of Latin, so often we will take breaks from class to chant the lyrics of grammar songs.I enjoyed Spanish but I ultimately decided to pursue Latin because I think it teaches a lot about the broad topic of language and grammar. I would say the language classes at Newton South are appropriately challenging, from what I've experienced I think that teachers expect from students approximately what students are capable of. I think that without full immersion programs and more intensive classes that language teachers are somewhat limited in their ability to produce fluent or near-fluent students, but these classes provide a good foundation for South students.

Senior Divya Argawal-

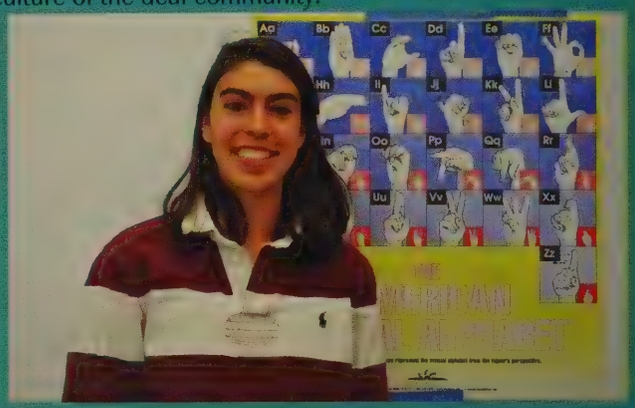
I chose to take Latin because I wanted to develop a greater understanding of the modern languages and because I appreciated the analytical nature of the language. Latin has given me a much better understanding of English and taught me about classical culture.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

ASL

Senior Elena Ramos-

I decided to take ASL because I knew it would be a different type of language experience. I love that the classes are small; it is like a community. The hardest part is that our teacher, Mr. Hershon, is completely deaf. He knows sign language, so if you need to communicate, you have to learn. It forces me to immerse myself in the language more than i ever have before. I have learned so much about the language and the culture of the deaf community.



Queen of Linguistics: Ms. DeRobert

Ms. DeRobert, the head of the Language Department at Newton South, has been teaching French for twenty-two years, the last ten being at Newton South.

Ms. DeRobert finds one of the most challenging things about teaching foreign languages to be the limited fifty-five minute class period. This makes it difficult for students to be fully immersed in a language because when class is over students return to their natural English environment.

Another challenge, according to Ms. DeRobert, is when students lack the motivation and confidence to fully apply themselves to learning a language.

Ms. DeRobert, however, does have many happy memories of students thriving. She says, "I have a recording of a student from six or seven years ago who, when it came to learning French, said, 'I can't. I don't know how.' I had her work on the same story for several weeks in class and when she finally did a recording in the lab it was flawless, using complex grammar. She was so proud and I was proud of her. This story always reminds me that every student is able to learn and speak a language."

She strongly believes that treating language as a way of life, thinking, and expressing oneself is crucial to students' experiences with language—both inside and outside of the classroom.

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SAY WHAT?

Languages at Newton South

FRENCH

Sophomore Nathan Reider

I originally decided to study French because I had traveled to France and the language was really beautiful. It is really interesting for me to learn about the way words are connected. In my fifth year of studying this beautiful language, I can safely say that I'm very glad I chose French.

Senior Karissa Borer-

I love Parisian culture and the sound of the French language. During my senior year, I decided to take only one language, but I have also studied Chinese and Latin at South. The language courses at South are challenging, but the engaging classes are definitely worth taking. I have had great experiences taking languages at South.

Sophomore Tyler Ross-
I heard taking Spanish is fun and the culture is very diverse.

SPANISH

Sophomore Sophia Autor-

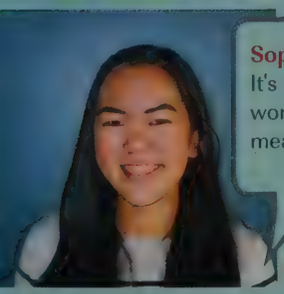
I was motivated to take this class because I had never learned a new language and it is different than many of the other classes we take in school. I'm also hoping it will help me later on if I want to travel to Spanish speaking countries like Peru or Spain. The language classes at South can be somewhat challenging at first because people often feel awkward speaking in a language they don't know, but over time I think most people become more comfortable with the new language and more confident speaking it.

RUSSIAN

Senior Anastasia Rastokina

I lived in Canada until I was ten and a half years old. I started learning French, while I continued to speak Russian at home. When I moved to Newton, I continued to take French and Russian through the AP level.

Sophomore Angelina Weng-
My parents motivated me to take Chinese classes and my older sister said it was fun. The classes are pretty challenging.



Sophomore Nicole Cheng-
It's interesting to learn how two words can have different meanings based on their tone

CHINESE

Senior Danielle Slabine-

I like taking Chinese because of the great friends I have made over the last four years. I have also gotten lucky enough to meet the Chinese exchange students who help teach during our class. I also enjoy taking Chinese because I know I am challenging myself. Sophomore year my class had a Chinese fashion show - Everyone dressed up, said what they were wearing in Chinese, and walked down the "runway" to awesome music.

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ELECTIVES

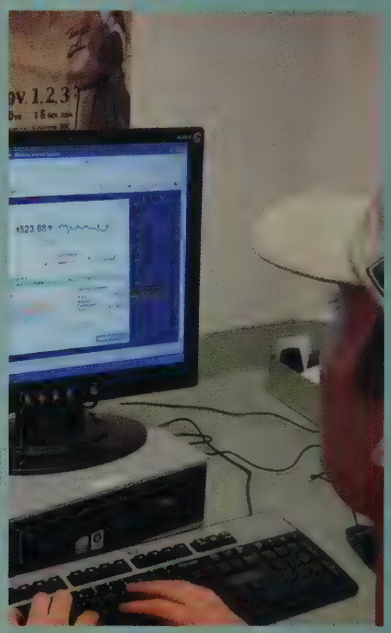
Mince, Mix, and Mash
Cooking at South

Photo by Alexandra Nesson

Each and every day Mr. Orren, Mrs. Petrizzi, and Mrs. Londino teach students the importance of learning how to cook. Making things ranging from Pad Thai to pizza and pretzels to sports bars; the kitchen in room 1101 is a very popular place. Biology teacher, Ms. Bhattacharya says that she "loves the smell of the delicious foods wafting from the kitchen down the hall" and ever has the opportunity to audit a class, she would chose a cooking class.

Let's get down to business

Want to learn how to handle money? Business classes are the place for you. With Economics, Entrepreneurship, Principles of Marketing, Stock Market Analysis, and Intro to Business, South offers a wide variety of business classes. Junior Zac Davidson has been taking business classes since Freshman year. "I love Mr. MacClellan; he is so inspirational and passionate about teaching his students!" Senior Jordi Batler says she "enjoys learning about what is going on in this world economically," and "cannot wait to hit the markets in the coming years."



Above: A business student studies stocks.

Where the Learning Begins...

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Preschool One classroom's "Plenty of Pancakes" board where the preschoolers created their own pancakes and described what they looked like and how they were made.

Early Childhood Education is a beloved course to many Newton South students. In the class, students read and discuss theories of human development. This elective also allows for high school students to act as interns or junior teachers, and work with children in a real preschool. After taking this course, students have the opportunity to do independent study, work study, and even a major, which consists of 12 blocks in a classroom environment and in the preschool, and results in a license to teach in a preschool! This course provides students who are interested in human development and working with children an amazing and rare opportunity. Many students take advantage of this elective and love every aspect of it.

"The Big Rug" in Preschool One where the preschoolers gather for Morning Meeting and Circle Time as well as play with the big blocks.

These are the preschoolers' cubbies where they put their jackets, backpacks, and lunch boxes.

Behind the Curtains

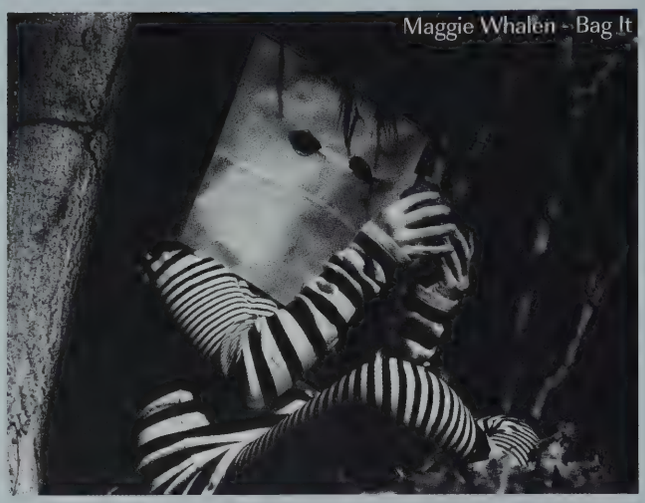
Acting Classes at South

Newton South's acting classes are very popular among students. There are five courses offered: Intro to Acting, Actor's Workshop, Acting and Directing, Performance Styles, and Tech Theater. Theater Department Head, Mr. Knoedler, has been teaching acting at Newton South for eleven years, the last seven of which he as Department Head. "It is important to remember that courses in the arts are where students learn how to be themselves and what it means to be human." When asked why he likes teaching electives, Mr. Knoedler responded, "I like teaching electives because I see students at their most passionate. I never hear them complain."

Picture Perfect

Best Photos of 2012-2013 Student Photography

Ellie Goldsmith - Topsy Turvy



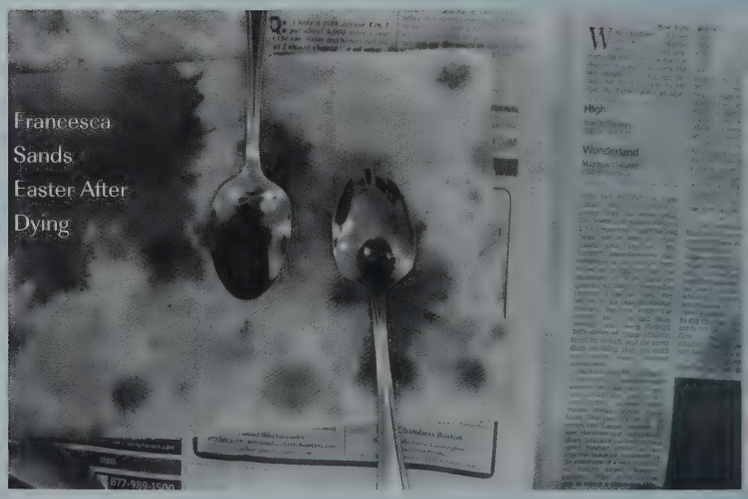
Maggie Whalen - Bag It

Jennifer Olins - Juliette, Juliette

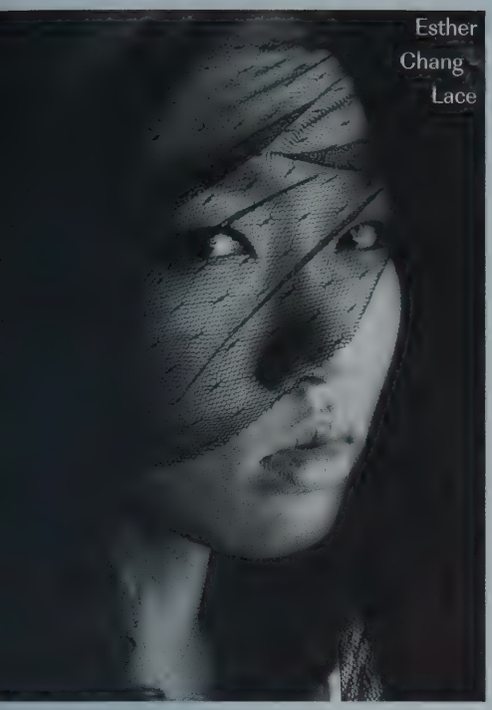
Below: Jay Sobel - Straight and Narrow

Sonam Shankar - Yellow Dress

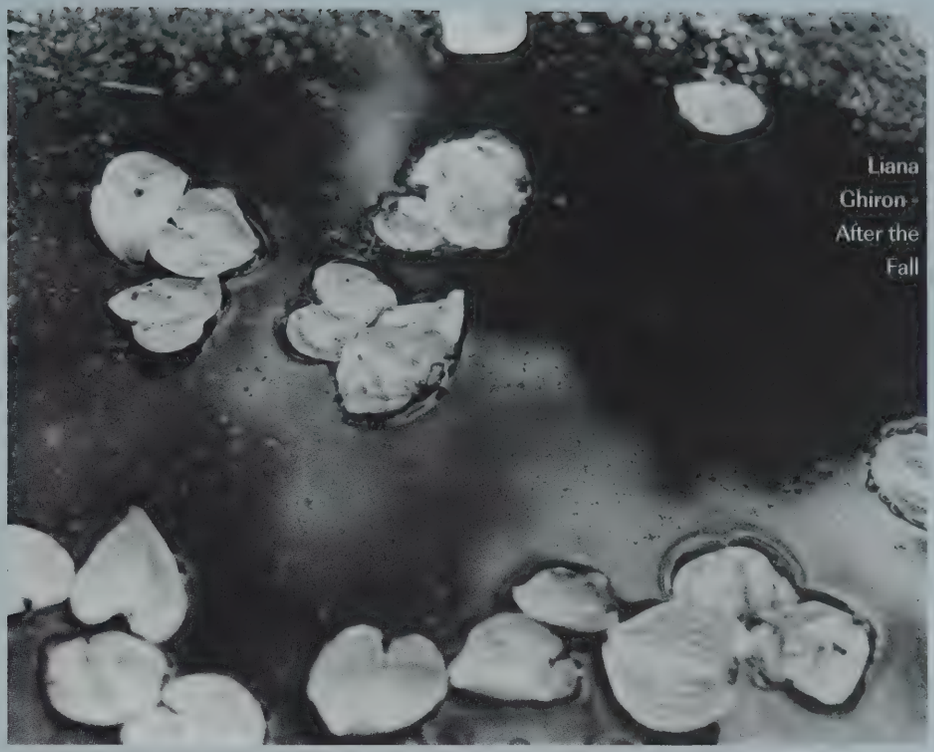
Jonathan Stricker - Topsy Turvy Over Again



Francesca Sands - Easter After Dying



Esther Chang - Lace



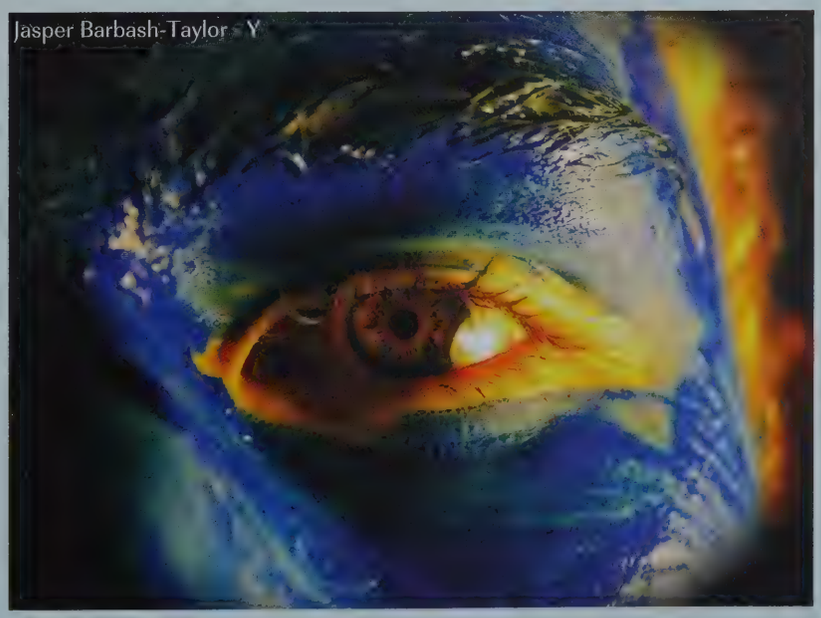
Liana Chiron - After the Fall

Below: Louisa Warnke - Lost in the Crowd

Amanda Yong - Emulsion Lift

Kylie Walters - Call A Cab

Jasper Barbash-Taylor - Y



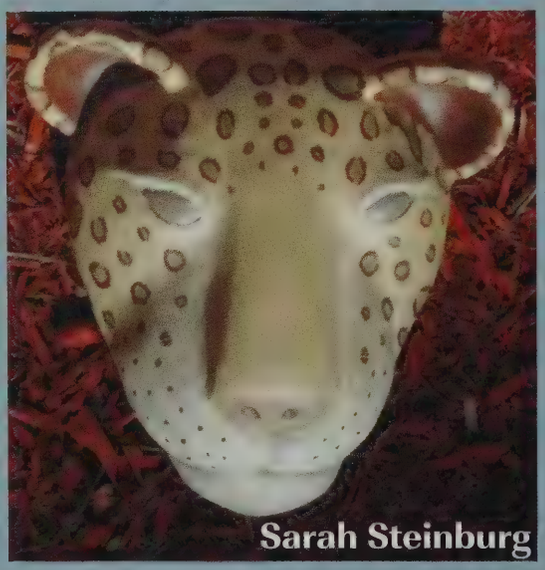
ART of a lion

Students' work in painting, drawing, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, and glass.

Jacob Rozowsky

Oleksiy Skynnyk

Sophie Veskler



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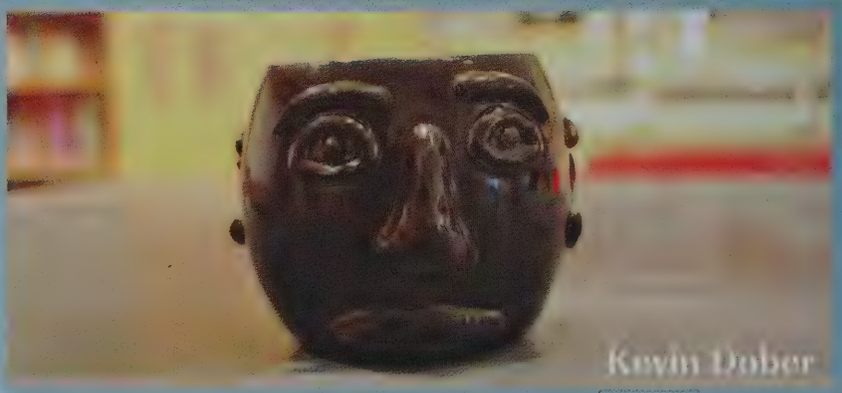

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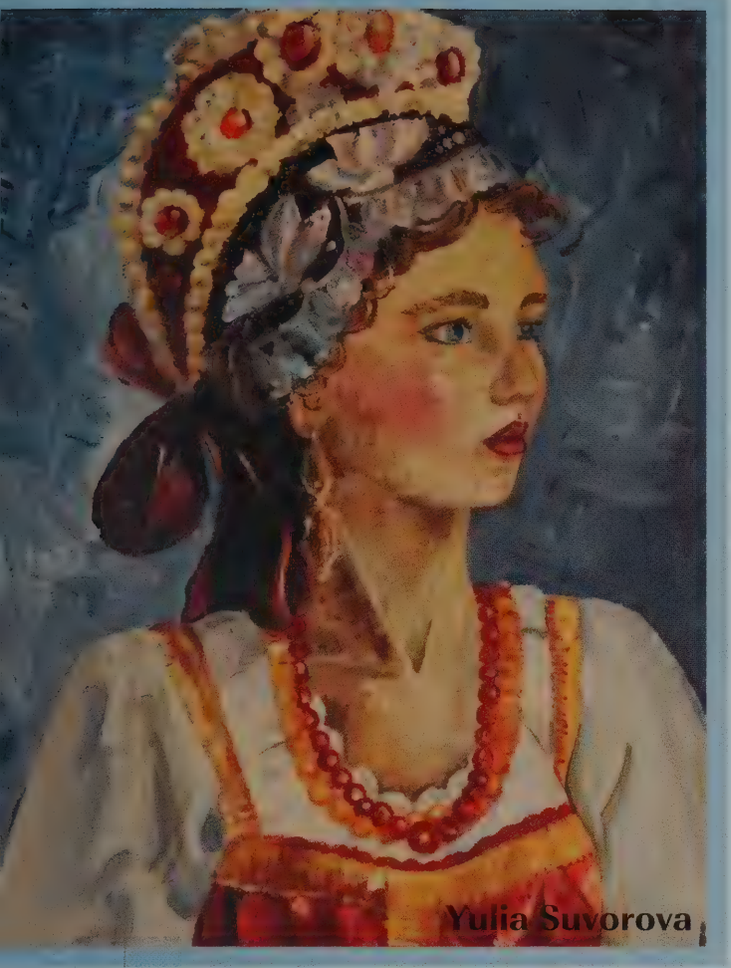
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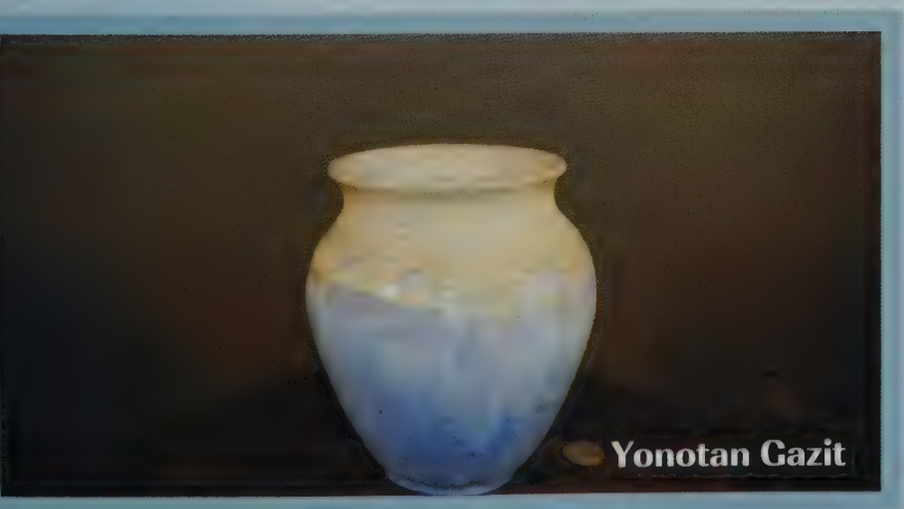
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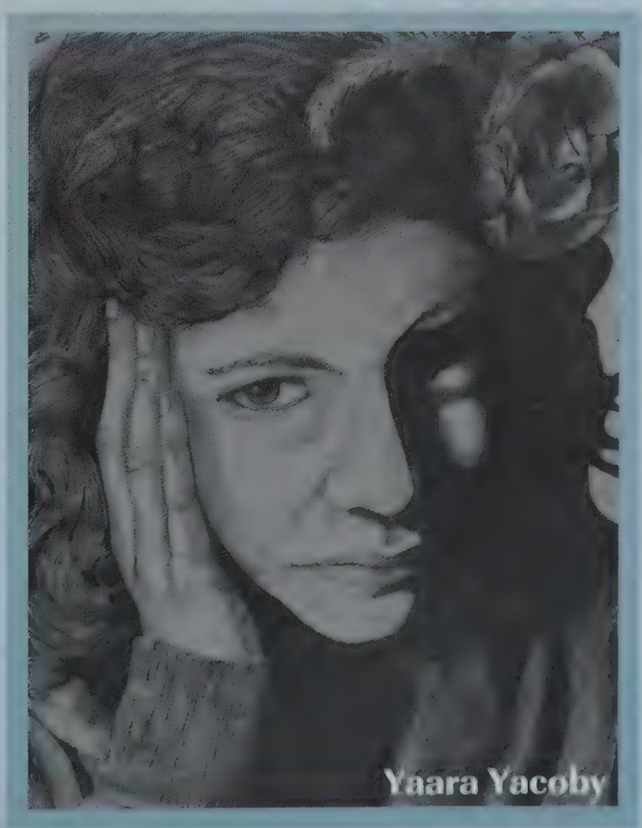
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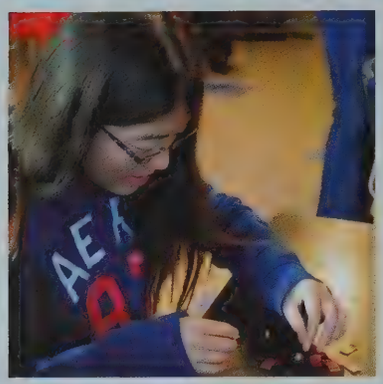

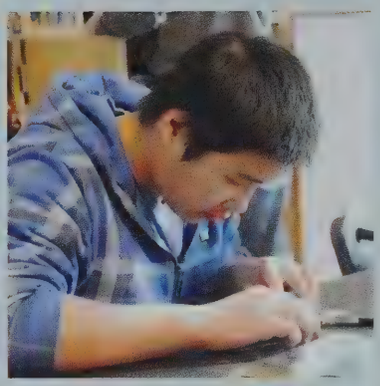

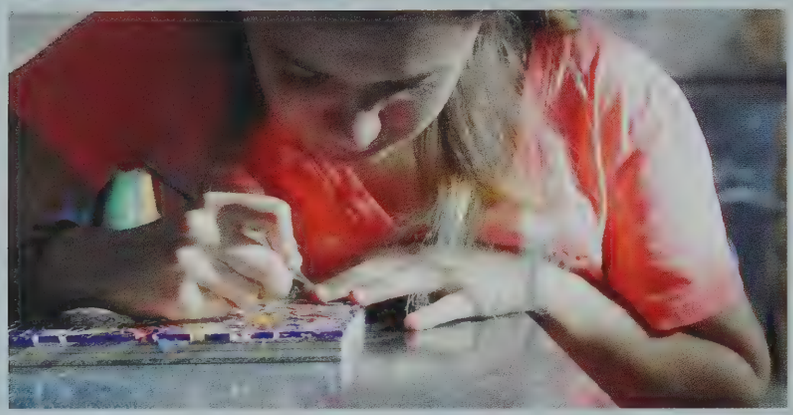

Right: Sonya Nair
Top right: Sima Kasraie, Mr. Wixon
Middle Left: Michelle Ng
Middle right: Andy Li
Bottom: Katherine Cullen

Mixing It Up

Mixed Media and Glass

The Mixed Media and Glass classes provide students with the freedom to explore many different forms of artistic expression. Unlike traditional art courses, these classes offer the opportunity to work with mosaic, enamel, glass, and other types of unconventional media. In Mixed Media and Glass, student artists can express and sort out their emotions. Sophomore Mia Coleman commented, "I love Mixed Media because the mood is so chill and it is a great way to get away from the school work." The classes are a welcome break from the everyday stress of school. According to Katherine Cullen, "Mixed Media is relaxing because Mr. Wixon turns up the music and it is a unique class." It is one of the most appealing classes in Newton South.

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Capturing the Memories

Photography

Left: Tara Lanahan
Top right: Alexi Reibman
Middle left: Benson Tai
Middle right: Dan Kaufman
Bottom: Jennifer Olins

A photograph can capture many wonderful aspects of a scene in one picture. This class has many techniques to make the photos special. It is so unique and a fun experience because there is new things to learn. Photo offers many different learning experiences. The first year students learn the basics of Film. They all learn about the cameras specialty and the different techniques. They also learn how to develop their own film and print it.

The second year takes their skills and masters them and they get to learn new tricks and techniques such as multiple exposure. The class photo is a neat way for people to show their talents in photo.

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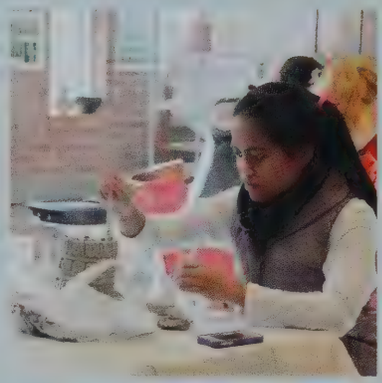
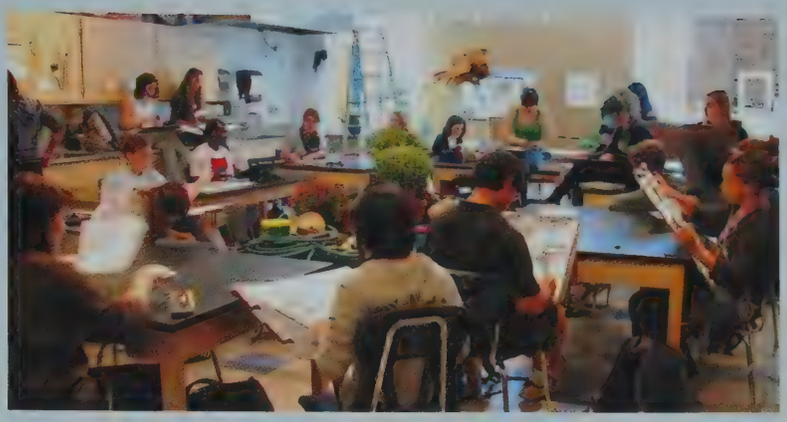


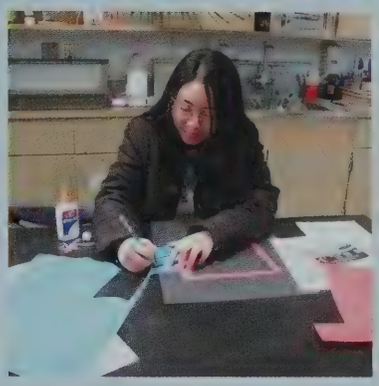
Right: Lindsey Caliga
Top right: Ms. Sobin-Jonash wheel throwing class
Middle left: Bowls from empty bowls
Middle right: Julia Churchmill
Bottom: Ally Bovarnick, Sasha Winston-Khan, Sheila Tobin Maddie Klein

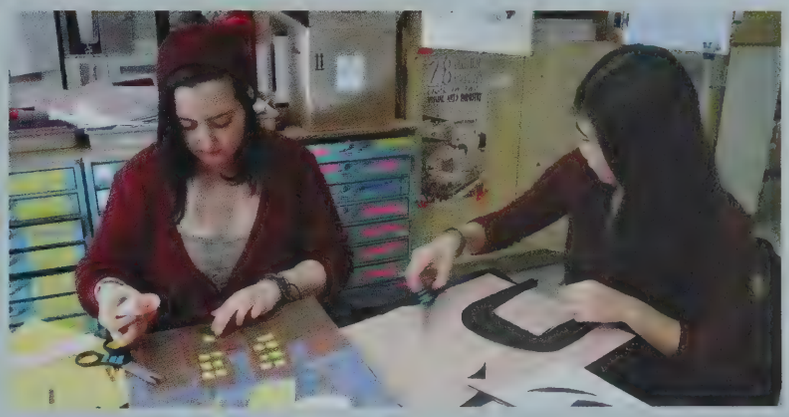
Throwing Clay

Ceramics

Ceramics composed a calming environment for students. This class helps many people to relax from stressful school work. According to Lindsey Caliga, a sophomore said that the class Ceramics "helps me concentrate in school because I get to knead the clay therefore it helps me relax." Ceramics a great way for people to come out there comfort zone and express themselves. Students appreciates Ceramics because it is a place to ignore stress. Every year Ceramics does a event called Empty Bowl. Empty bowl is a way for students of all grades to help other people. Empty Bowl is mainly for an awareness of hunger. Ceramics is a good way to relax and also to help out other other people.





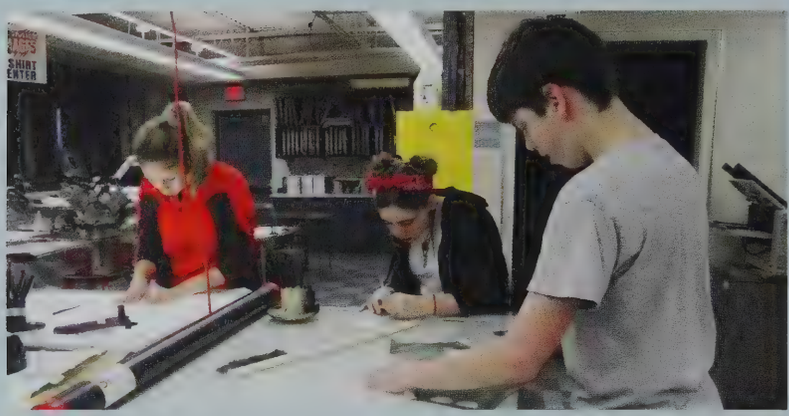


Drawing Your Mind

Studio Art

Left: Molly Granoff-Kuhn glues paper onto her project.
Top: Art students work on their drawings.
Middle left: Alice Yi works on her collage.
Middle right: Mikayla Kass starts to work on her collage.
Bottom: Nicole Ginzburg and Yuriko Fukumura put together their collages.

The studio art classes allow students to get their ideas across in an artistic way. The classes become more advanced in drawing and painting for each grade. Students learn personal expression and how to communicate their ideas visually. Freshman Mikayla Kass says that being in this class "reminds [her] of childhood." Many of them consider the class as a break from academics because they can express themselves in a different way. Sophomore Ariel Neumann likes this class because there is a "really good variety in the projects we do and the assignments aren't too specific so [we] can be creative with [them]." For sophomore Alice Yi, the class allows her to "explore different media [and to] learn new processes from others."



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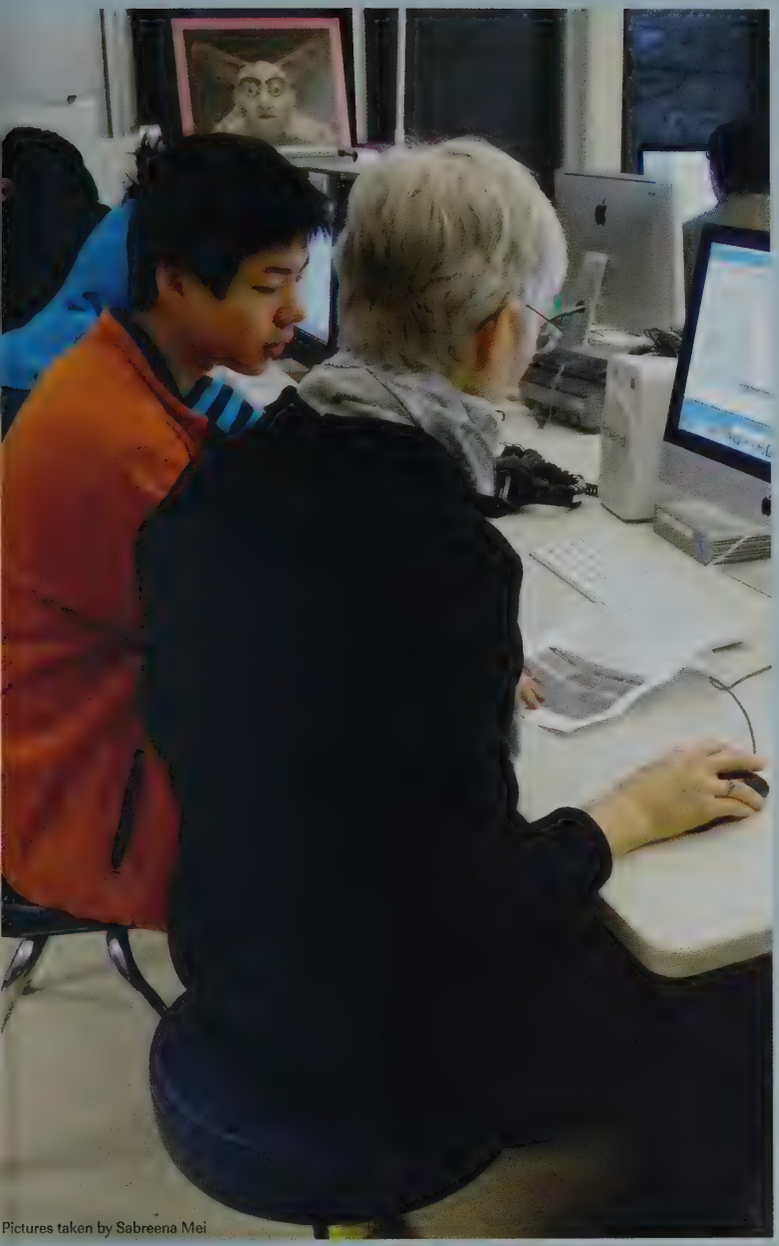
The Design Dimension

Graphic Design

Right: Matt Shems cleaning his screen.
Top: Meaghan McDonald soak screening her design.
Middle left: Meaghan McDonald's design.
Middle right: Jason Kleuan scrubbing his screen.
Bottom: Sabrina Stacks, Miranda Bellio, and Brian Koker cutting film for their projects.

Graphic design is an elective that is taught by Mr. Briggs. Students in graphic design learn how to make designs using soak screening and Photoshop. They also learn about the industrial art process. Many of the students decide to take this class because friends have recommended it, saying that it is really fun and interesting. Mr. Briggs allows his class to have a relaxed atmosphere so that students can enjoy the class and still learn at the same time.

The skills that the students learn can also be used in daily life. Sophomore Matt Shems likes taking graphic design because "you get to be creative and do things-such as screen printing-that you wouldn't normally be able to do" in other classes. Students feel that graphic design is challenging but fun at the same time. Sophomore Meaghan McDonald finds herself with "so many things [she] can do and so much space to be creative in every project."



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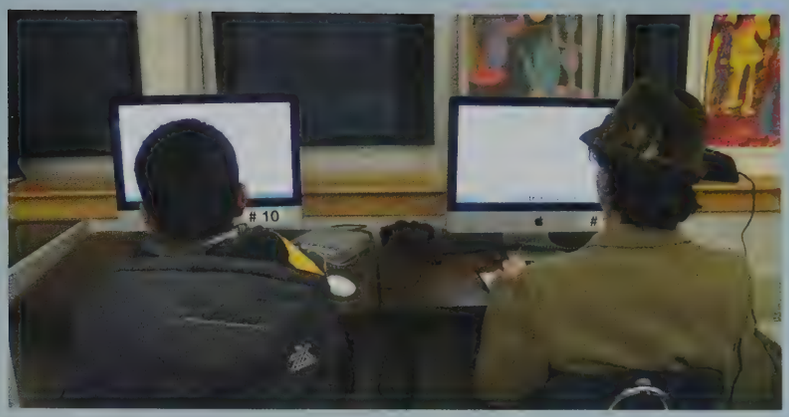
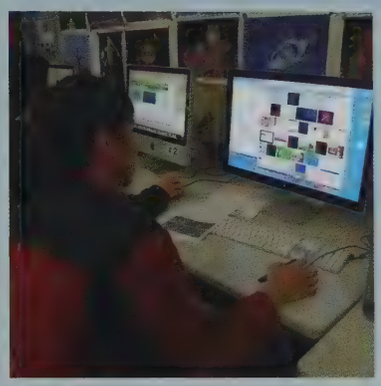
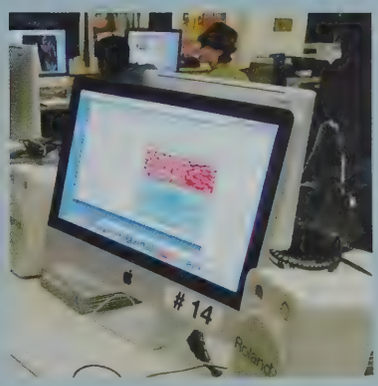






Spinning the Web

Website Design

Left: Ms. Ober helps Charles Zhu with his project.
Top: Suriya Ramachandrababu and Jesse Nacht use html and Dreamweaver.
Middle left: Alvin Kwan looks for images to put on his website.
Middle right: A student's website in progress.
Bottom: Alisa Kuklina and Zung Chen work on their projects.

Students in website design learn how to use different codes like html and css. Other programs they use to create websites are Dreamweaver and Photoshop. Sophomore Jesse Nacht has always been interested in learning the codes because they are "important 'real life' things to know how to use." Jesse enjoys "the relative creative freedom, and the encouragement given to just [have fun] as long as it's productive." To challenge them even further, students also have to take a website and create another one that is similar to it. Sophomore Michael Moy decided to take this class because he "wanted to learn how to make a web page." Even though the websites don't actually go onto the web, students still learn about computers and technology. Students enjoy this class because they don't have to be artistic in traditional art classes, rather, they are able to express their creativity on the computer.

Hitting All the Right

NOTES

Symphonic Band

To the audience, music seems to flow from the band , effortlessly falling and rising with a simple swish of the conductor's arms. The players in South's Symphonic Band, however, know different. The band meets four times a week, as often as any core class, and they know the challenges of harnessing the power of 70 musical instruments.

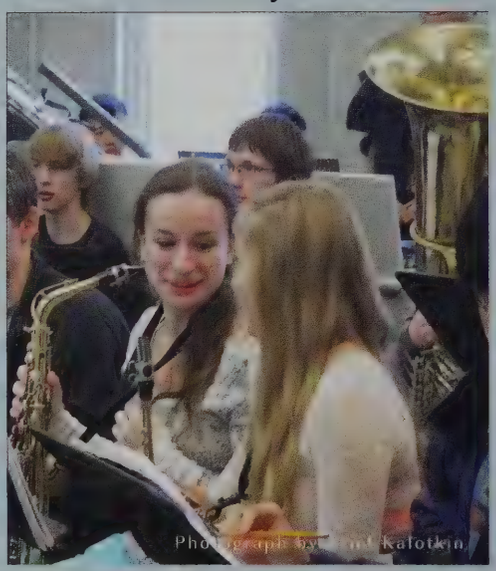
For one thing, members of the band must perfect the balance between standing out and blending in. Senior band member Elena Byun commented "you're not always a soloist, but you have to [always] play like a soloist."

A more prominent challenge, notes Elena, is listening across the room. Through her years in band, Elena says she has learned to listen from her spot in the clarinet section all the way across to the trombones and trumpets. Now, she says "my favorite thing is being able to listen across the room [and] hearing 70 other players play with me."

This year, the band is experimenting with composing their own music to play. "I always start out being kind of skeptical," Elena admits, " but once it starts coming together a bit you can get excited."

All things considered, Elena concludes that "It's just a phenomenal experience."

"Instead of sitting in a classroom, I would rather be connecting with seventy other minds."
-Elena Byun, Senior



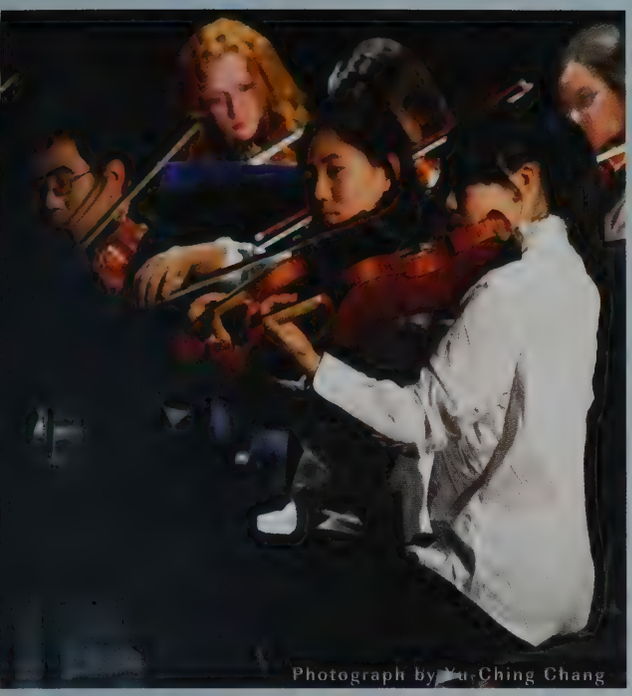
Top: Sam Blumenstiel, Feli Kumerwasser, Aidan Rose, Emily Sharpe, and Ben Stern concentrate during rehearsal.
Left Center: Sophomores Hannah Lass and Tara Lanahan discus their music.
Right Center: Kelsey Yee and Derek Nie, both Juniors, play in a Wednesday morning wind ensemble pratice.
Above: Ms. Linde addresses the audience at a concert.

SELECT WIND ENSEMBLE

Sometimes, less is more. This is certainly the case for the Select Wind Ensemble, a group of about 25 band members that meet twice a week to practice band pieces written for smaller numbers than the full band' 70. Only one or two people play each part, meaning every player in the ensemble has a larger responsibility for his or her part. The trade-off, though, is that fewer players allow the group to hear each part clearly and to discuss the music in depth with each other. "Having this intimate relationship between the players and the conductor is a really cool thing about [Select Wind Ensemble]," says Elena.

TAKE A BOW

Orchestra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South's orchestra might be one of the few places where hearing voices is a good thing. "Because there are different types of instruments, there are different voices," explained sophomore Hyunnew Choi, "I usually play solo music, so being in orchestra where the are different voices [is] important."

This year the Orchestra embarked on a major product; they joined with Newton North's orchestra and both schools' vocal groups to play a Mass together. "We haven't ever played such a big piece," says Hyunnew. Though the orchestra usually collaborates with the Madrigals, this is the first year they've joined forces with North.

In addition, the orchestra organized its honors program this year. Students taking orchestra for honors credit now work outside of school to review concerts and also practice chamber music with a group they form. Hyunnew says that the honors requirements have turned her on to new experiences she would never think to try on her own, "You would never go see a classical concert and write a review about it, you wouldn't make a small chamber group and practice together."

Between the hard work, interesting music, massive collaborations, concert reviews, and chamber groups, Hyunnew sums up that orchestra "creates... and experience of its own."

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Top Left: Violinists in the orchestra play at a concert.
Second from Top Left: Senior Derek Yung plays on the timphony during an orchestra practice.
Bottom left: Sophomore Julia Mount focuses on her music.
Far Above: The orchestra stands up to bow after a performance.
Above: Musicians warm up and chat at the beginning of class.

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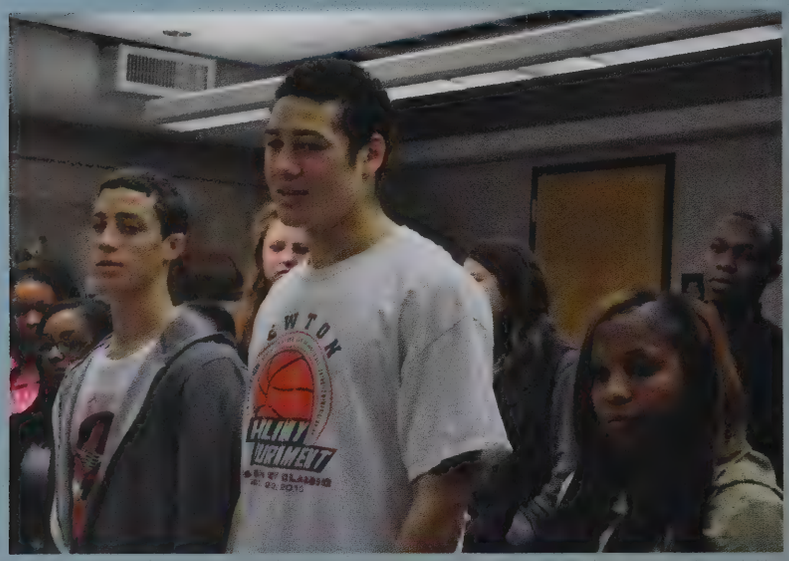
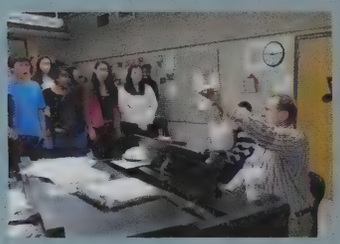
Harambee Gospel Choir

Harambee Gospel Choir is a class that focuses on gospel music, but also sings contemporary, jazz, and acapella pieces. They sing at an annual convention, and also collaborates with Newton North gospel students for a concert. "I think Harambee is a really unique class in that it is really diverse. There's a lot of different people you can meet, which makes for a really great environment. People should try it because you won't see another class like this one at South."



Left: Charles Parker, Phil Levine-Caleb, and Shafia Gray
Right: Jenny Kim, Sara Wang, and Serena Allegro have fun singing.



The Madrigals is an advanced class for upperclassmen singers at South. They sing a variety of songs, including Madrigals (a genre of music from the 16th century) to contemporary music, like the works of Aaron Copland. Their performances include their annual pops concert, the MICCA festival (a competition between chorale groups across the state where the Madrigals won silver last year), and a concert at South every term. Madrigals student Dina Bedri says, "Madrigals is a challenge but it is also really fun. I learn a lot of things, including how to be a musician. It's not easy, but Mr. Youngman makes it interesting". Sheldon Blake-Waterman comments, "everyone should try joining Madrigals. We're a really tight community, but we're also welcoming".

Top Left: Mr. Youngman leads the class in a song
Bottom Left: Dina Bedri, Nathan Matzka, David Rabinowicz, and Sean DiMarco
Bottom Center: Cate Eberman, Celina Siegal, and Alex Conrad
Bottom Right: Gil Blume, Sophie Scharlin-Pettee, Andreas Betancourt, Keegan Stricker, Richard DeNitto, Sean DiMarco, and David Rabinowicz

Madrigals

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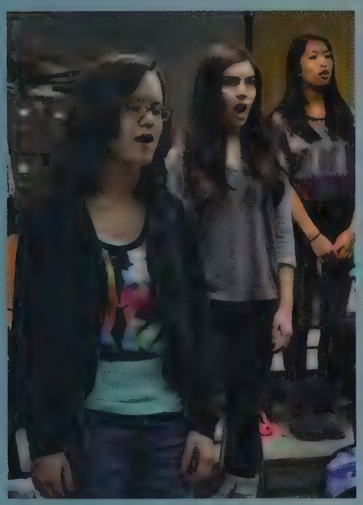
Vocal Ensemble

Vocal Ensemble is an introductory vocal course open to freshmen taught by Mr. Youngman. The class sings a wide variety of songs, from classical to pop. They also have a "world music" unit, and past countries have included China and India. Mr. Youngman says that this class "teaches students how to use their adult voice, improve their music reading skills, and have a good time."

Bottom Left: Isabel Nichols, Lily Clemente, and Abigail Dumo concentrate on warmups.
Bottom Center: Michelle Sandler and Dalia Schneider take a break from singing.
Bottom Right: Dalia Schneider, Liza Sockwell, and Shira Abramovich practice hitting those notes.



Top Left: Top Row: Rebecca Houston-Read, Ana Geltman, Julianna Huang, Rose Freudberg, Jennifer Han, Gabryela Sinclair, Nicky Gloria, Nathan Reider, Jasmin ; *Front Row*: Louisa Kimmel, Jonah Cochin, Nadav Furgang, Alex Vu, Anya Graubard, Mira Li, Nikki Caminetsky

Top Right: Anya Graubard and Mira Li know that singing is more fun with friends.

Bottom: Jonah Cochin, Nadva Furgang, and Alex Vu practice sightreading.

Newton South Chorale is a second-year vocal class taught by Mr. Youngman. The students sing classical, baroque, and romantic music. The class has one chorus concert per season. Sophomore Mira Li says, "the classes provide a low pressure place where we can help each other improve. I really enjoy chorus, we get to sing a lot of different types of songs and it's nice getting to improve at singing as an individual, but also as a group."

Newton South Chorale

FROSH PLAY

Top left: Sheila Tobin and Sarah Anderson-Krim in *Slightly Left of Paradise.*
Bottom left: Sam Adams, John Whalen, Jeffrey Xiao, Kat Quinn, and Jack Laughlin are superheros.
Top right: Sam Ganem, Daniel Goldstein, Jeffrey Xiao, and Sarah Anderson-Krim in *Degas C'est Moi.*
Bottom right: Hadas Nahar in *Slightly Left of Paradise.*

This year the Frosh Play, "Self Portrait," was a great success, with many faculty members putting in their best effort to make the show fabulous. The Frosh play allows freshmen to express their identity, and many think of it as a stepping-stone to experiencing South Stage. According to Kate Pozner, "It's a great start into South Stage and I intend to continue auditioning for shows." As the freshmen do many acting exercises, they learn about the art, as well as gain trust in each other. After all these activities, the cast supports each other like family. Instead of the directors assigning the freshmen their parts immediately, they carefully look for the right role for each member of the Frosh Play. This year's play covered serious topic, and the freshmen were able to delve into their character. Hadas Nahar finds that when she is acting, she "can step out of [herself] into someone else's shoes." Many freshmen were driven to work harder because of their emotional roles.

Top left: John Whalen and Liel Dolev are at a carwash.
Top right: Sam Ganem and Liza Sockwell in *Degas C'est Moi*.
Above: Dalia Schneider and Kate Pozner in *Beached*.
Bottom Left: Jeffrey Xiao and Emily Snider are at a shoe store.
Bottom right: Madison Hackel, Amanda Stavis, and Shira Abramovich in *Works in Progress*.

"I loved my show and my scene partner. It was an amazing experience."

-Kate Pozner

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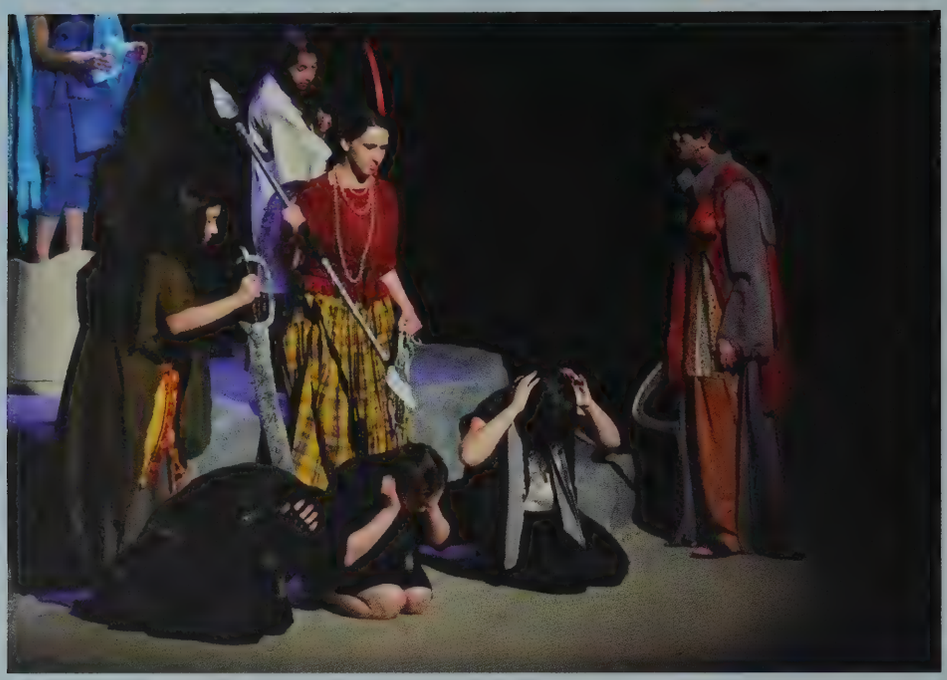
Abandoned

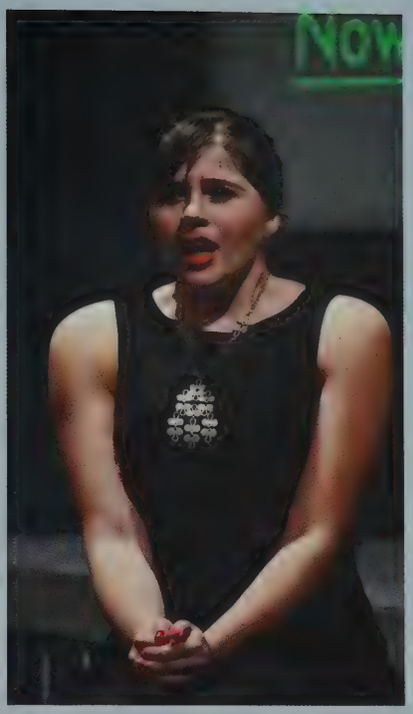


Above: Ashley Wasilewski, Sarah Rabinowitz, Harley Greene
Right: Kate Pozner, Celina Siegel, Kristen Magliozzi
Below: Celina Siegel, Kate Pozner, Kristen Magliozzi, and Shiri Pagliuso

South's March play, *Abandoned*, was written entirely by the cast. The plot is centered around two islands, Circuit, the technology-loving island, and Sol, the nature-loving island, which are at war against each other. When Alt, a student from Circuit, is forced to go to war, he meets a girl named Scarlet, whose sister is badly injured by a weapon and can only be cured on Circuit, so Alt is forced to take them back home.

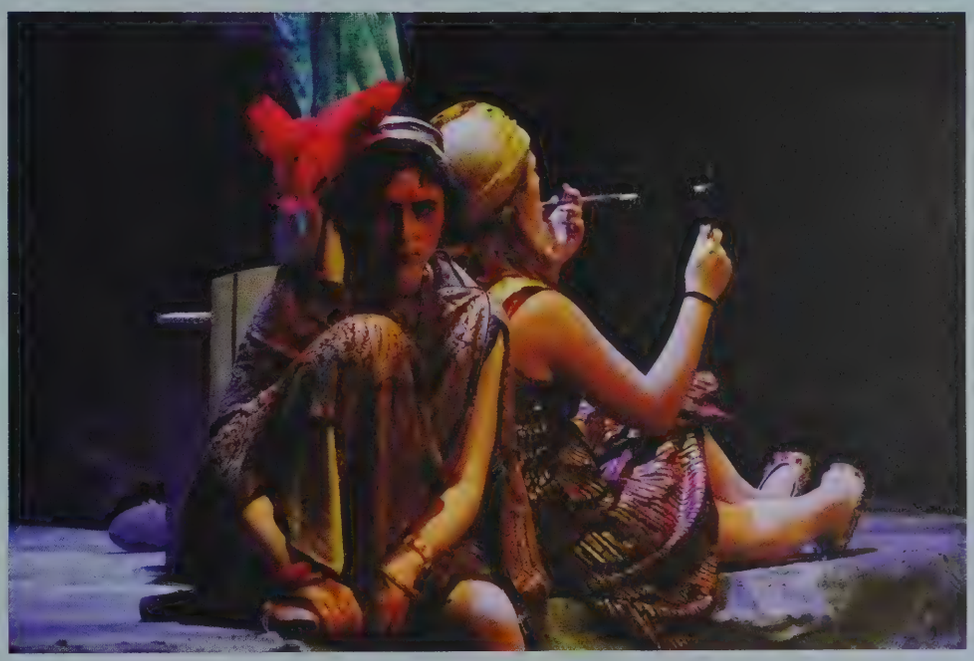
The process for writing this play took about two to three months. Because Abandoned was created entirely from scratch and the cast could not fall back on the plot of a famous play, they had to collaborate and work even harder. In the end, the cast was able to bond, and according to Peter Walsh, "this was one of my best experiences at school so far."

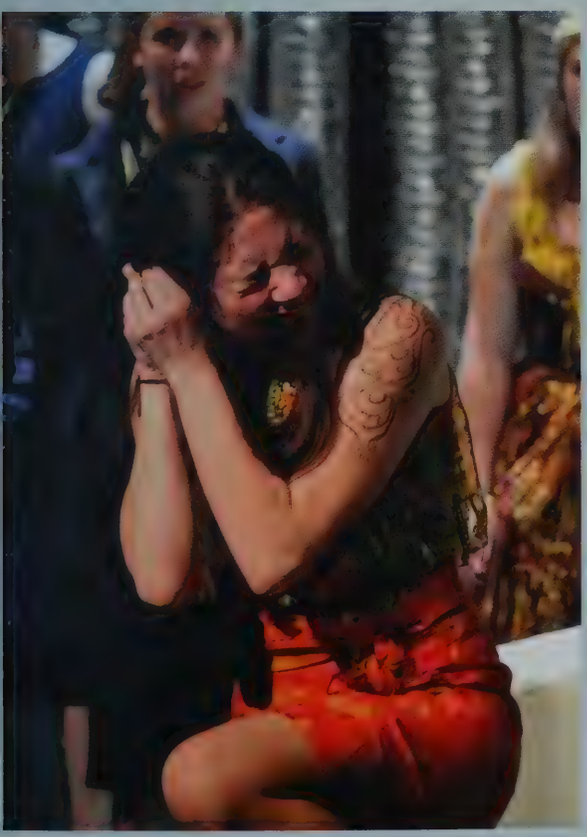
Next page top left: Peter Walsh
Next page top right: Nika Varpahovsky
Next page middle: Celina Siegel
Next page bottom left: Kristen Magliozzi
Next page bottom right: Nika Varpahovsky, Liel Dolev, Aiden McBain, Rachel Samuels

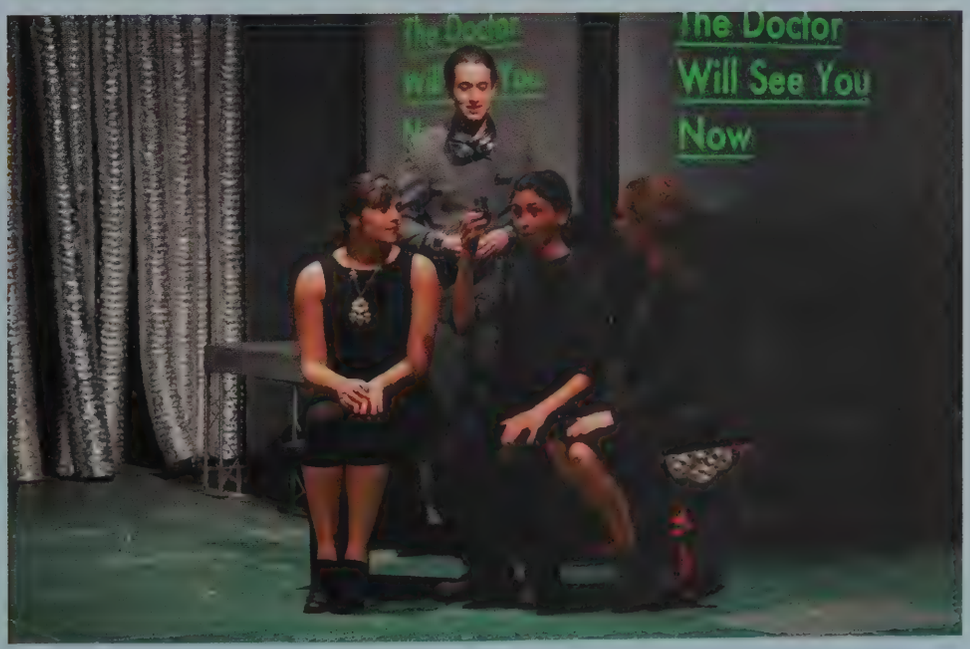


"It was interesting to see how such different personalities could combine and create this play, and in the end the group functioned perfectly...We started off writing a play as strangers, and ended up performing it as a family."
-Nika Varpahovsky

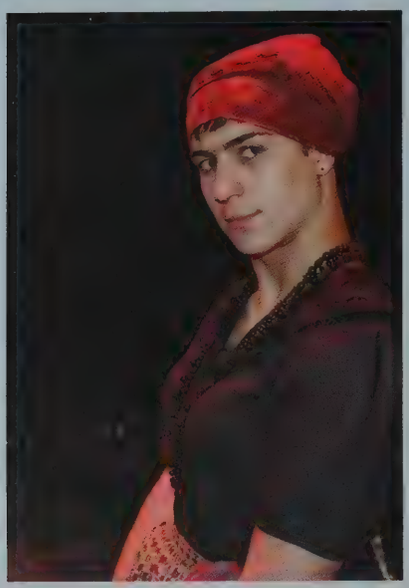
"Though the process of writing, acting, and creating a story never told before we were taking quite the risk, this "leap" all together made us come together and bond as a cast like the entire cast had never felt before. We created a play that we were all very proud of, but in the end our best product was the second family that came from this experience."
-Peter Walsh







The House of Bernarda Alba



Above: Max Cooper poses.
Right: (back row) Mira Li, Anya Graubard, Shiri Pagliuso, *(second row)* Melanie Erspamer, Alyssa Erspamer, Taylor Beidler, Margaret Beebe-Center, Ally Dellheim *(third row)* Emma Gomez-Rivas, Max Cooper, Kristen Magliozzi, *(front row)* Serena Allegro and Celina Siegal.
Below: Melanie Erspamer, Alyssa Erspamer, and Mira Li perform onstage.

"The House of Bernarda Alba," by Federico García Lorca, is a difficult and intense play about a mother's control over her five daughters during a period of mourning. The tension in the house grows throughout the play. The cast consisted of twelve girls and one boy, even though all roles were female. Sophomore Max Cooper said, "Having a female role was awesome because it really tested my acting abilities, and taught me a lot about the acting experience as a whole." Senior Ally Dellheim described, "Having one boy cross-cast added a whole new level of complexity to the show and made it much more interesting to work on as well."

Many of the actors enjoyed the crazy twists and turns of this dramatic and challenging play. Sophomore Anya Graubard thought that, because this play was more serious than comedic, "all the actors got to show off a different side to them." Senior Taylor Beidler said, "Being Bernarda Alba was by far the hardest role I've ever had to play and I think a lot of my other cast mates found this a very challenging show too."

"The show was definitely focused on the power of a large cast trusting each other both on stage and in rehearsal."

-Taylor Beidler '13

"I love acting because it's the greatest form of empathy—you really learn what it's like to be another person, even if it's just for a little while."

-Max Cooper '15

Top left: Mira Li, Anya Graubard, and Kristen Magliozzi talk to their sisters.
Top right: Taylor Beidler playing the role of Bernarda Alba.
Middle: Emma Gomez-Rivas, Kristen Magliozzi, Taylor Beidler, Mira Li, Anya Graubard, Ally Dellheim, Celina Siegal, Serena Allegro, and Alyssa Erspamer are in Bernarda's house.
Above: Kristen Magliozzi, Shiri Pagliuso, Emma Gomez-Rivas, and Mira Li play the roles of Bernarda Alba's daughters.

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The Drowsy Chaperone

Zoe Clayton playing the Drowsy Chaperone.

Senior Zoe Clayton has been involved in twelve South Stage productions and will be directing her thirteenth this spring. "My home is on the stage," says Clayton. "I love to work an audience. I do, however enjoy taking part in the technical aspects of theatre because it gives me a new insight and appreciation for the production as a whole."

Zoe has been singing ever since she could speak. Her father is a pianist and has always encouraged her musicality. Her acting career began early on as well. Forced to audition for her elementary school play, Alice in Wonderland, she got the part of Alice's pet cat, Dinah, which consisted of crawling around on stage in black tights and cat ears. "The rest is history," Zoe exclaims.

In addition to her parent's support, there are several other adults who have played a large role in her work as a director, an actor, and as a person in general. Mr. Jeff Knoedler, theater department head at South has "encouraged my aspirations, but with practical guidance and personal experience. He has taught me how to lead." Another adult who has had a significant role in Zoe's life is Mr. Evan Kelly, who also works in South Stage. "Kelly has taught me that I can explore my interests in numerous ways, and that self-sufficiency is key to success."

In Newton South's winter musical, The Drowsy Chaperone, Zoe played the Drowsy Chaperone herself. When asked what it was like playing the Drowsy Chaperone, Clayton said, "Drowsy was difficult in its apparent simplicity. It's very easy to just go onstage and play to your niche, but there's always another layer to the character. Drowsy is an alcoholic, but she is also classy. She is a star. I found this to be challenging. I am not necessarily a diva, nor do I consider myself at "star status," so to portray someone who takes what they want when they want it and who is utterly comfortable with herself and her body is difficult for me. Drowsy's sex appeal might have been the most challenging aspect to grasp."

Whether or not Zoe chooses to become a professional, she is sure that she will carry her passion wherever she goes.

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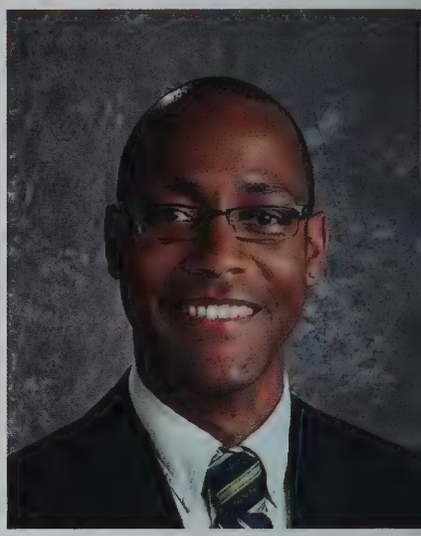

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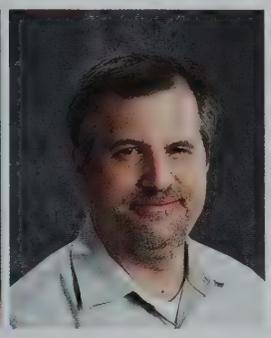

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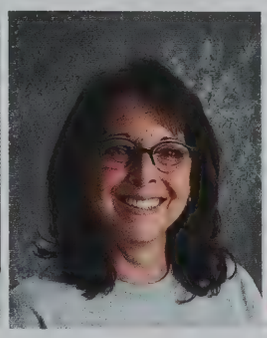

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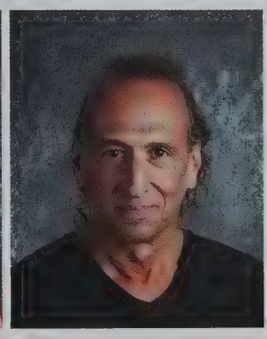

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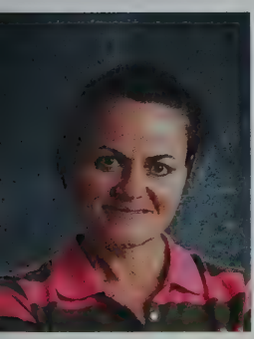

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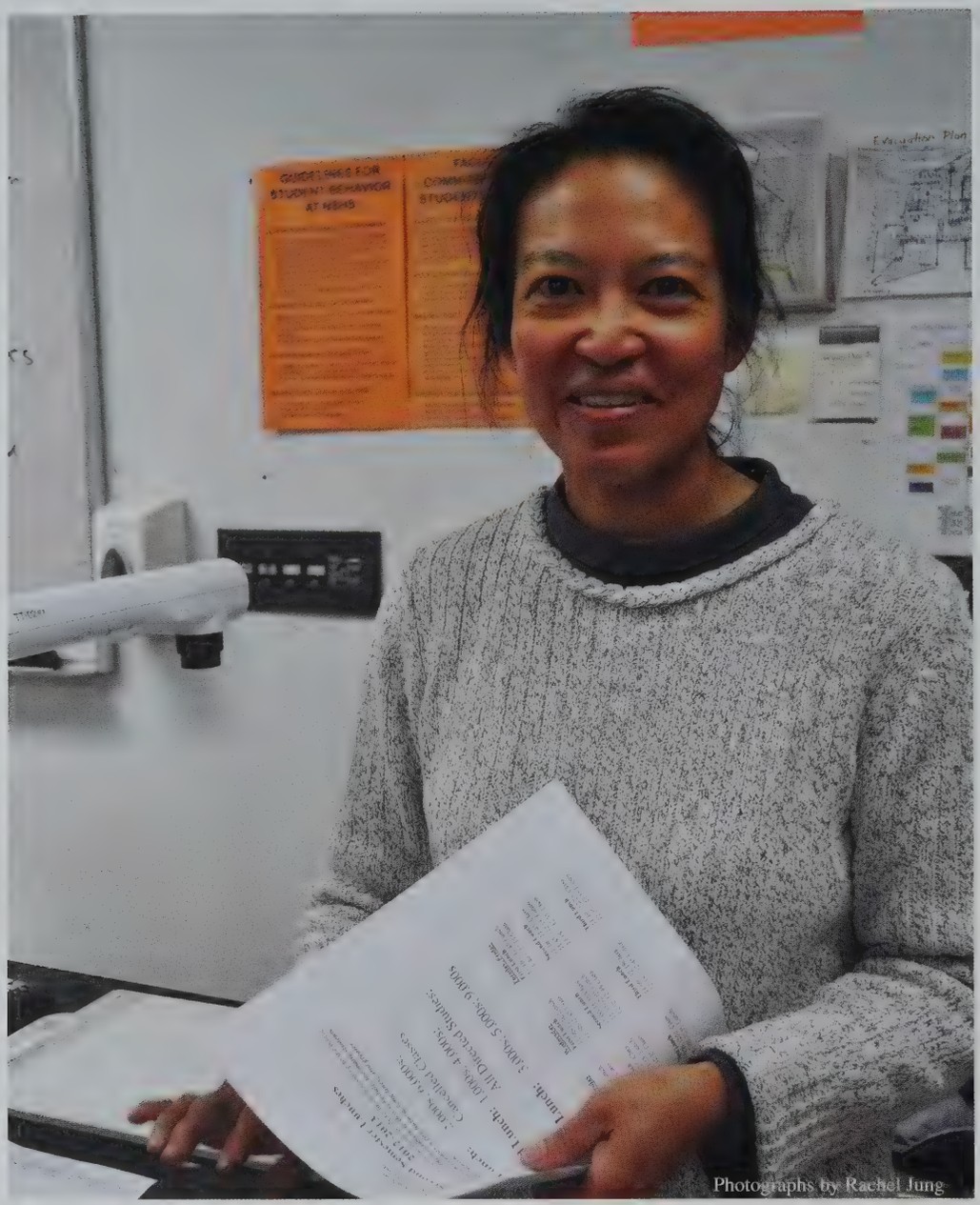

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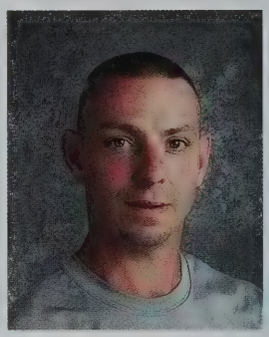

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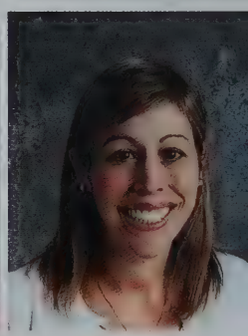

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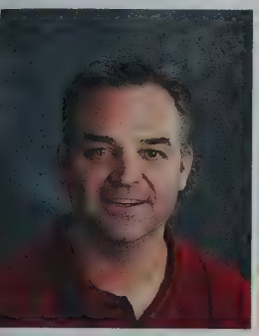

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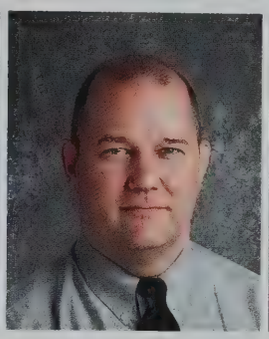

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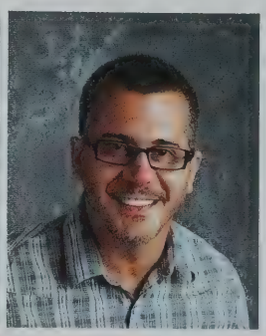

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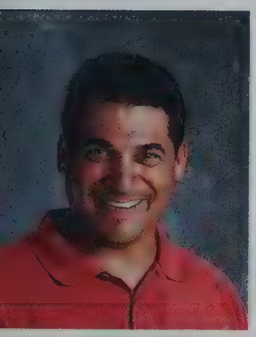

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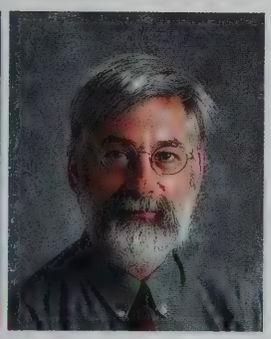

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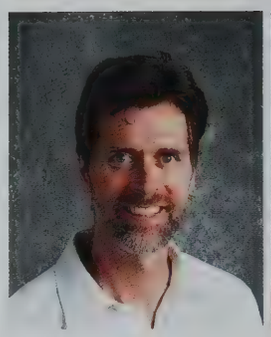

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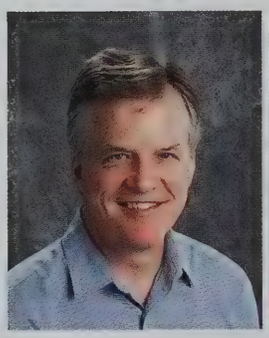

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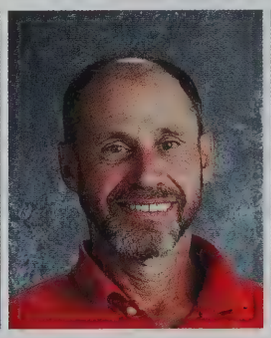

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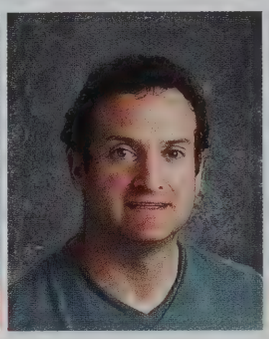

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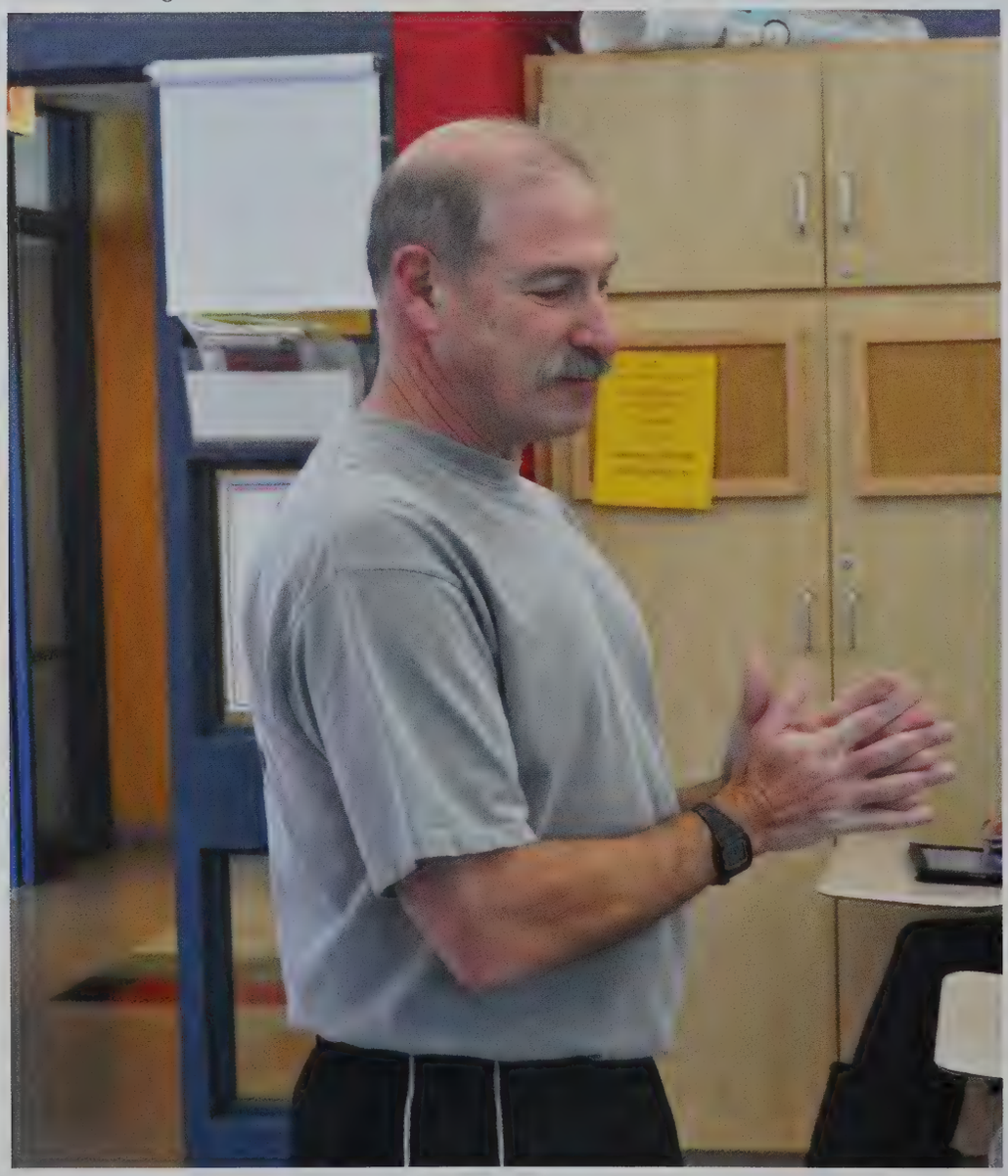

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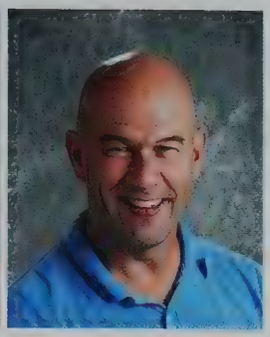

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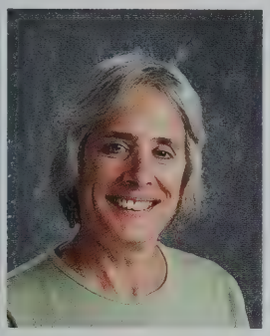

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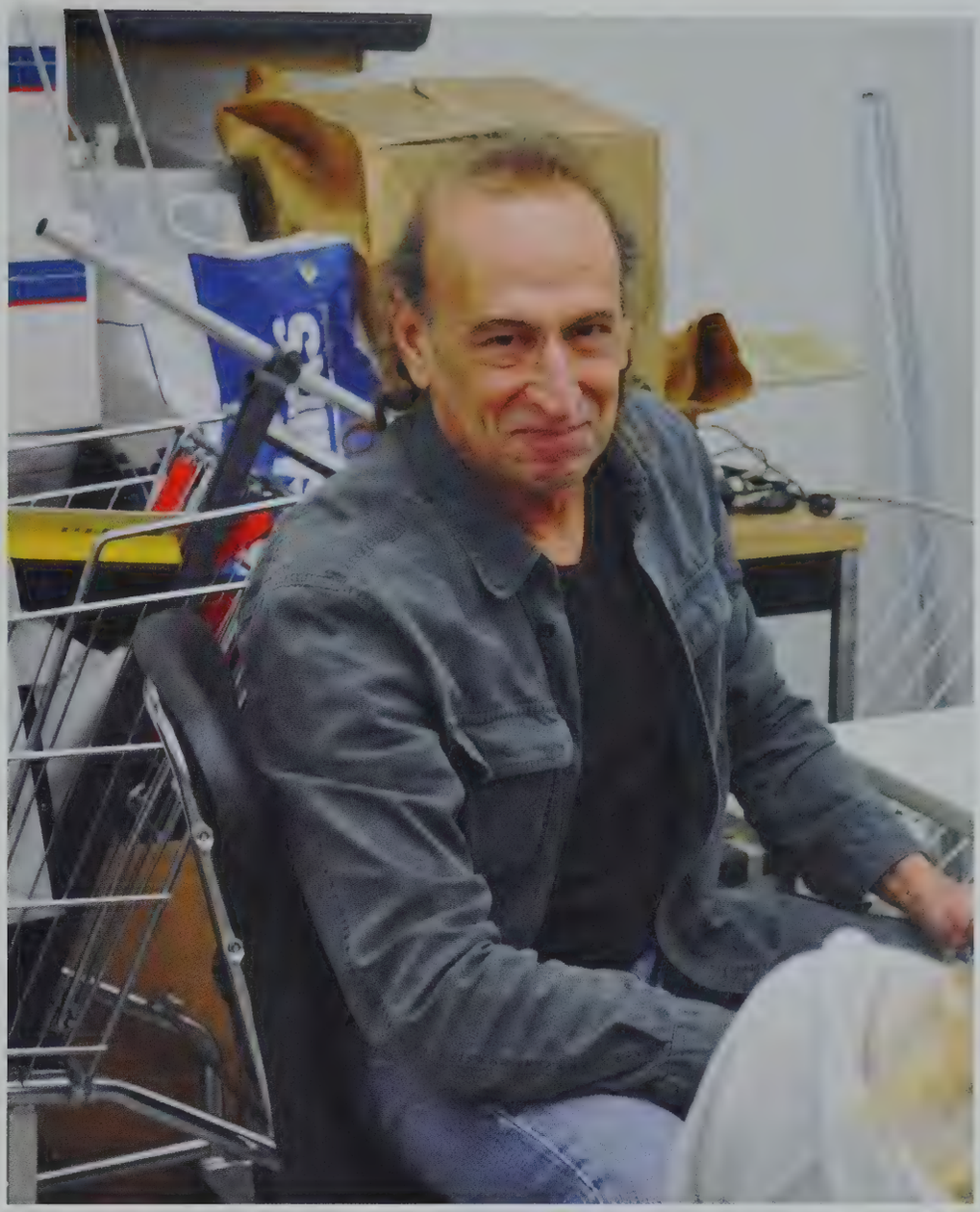

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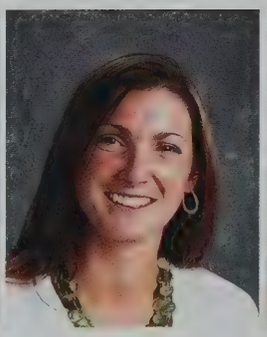

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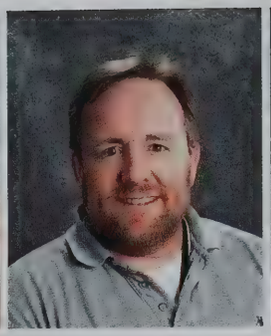

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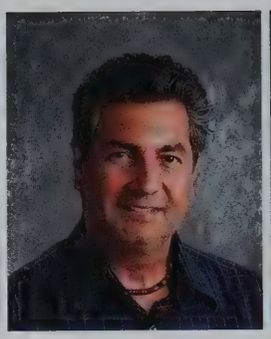

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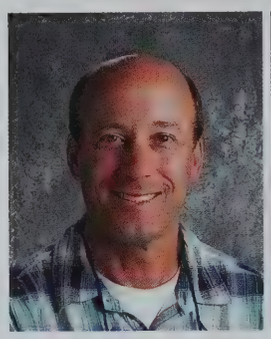

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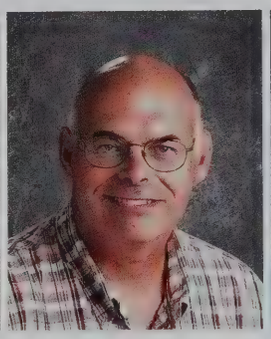

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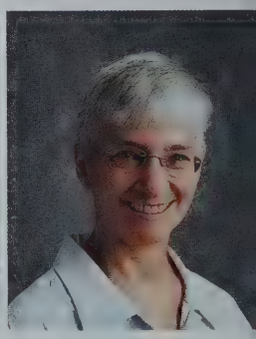

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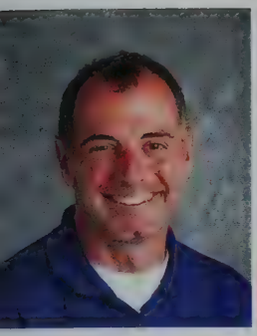

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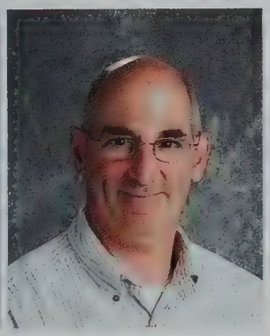

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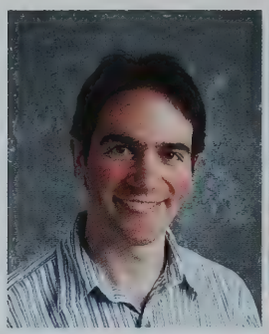

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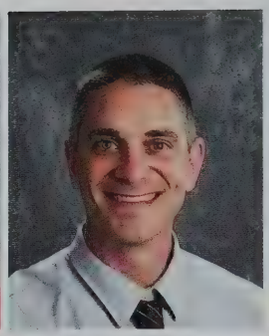

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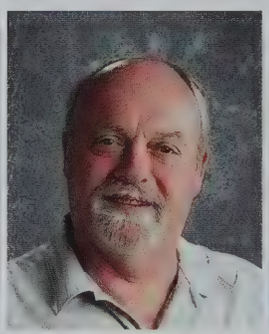

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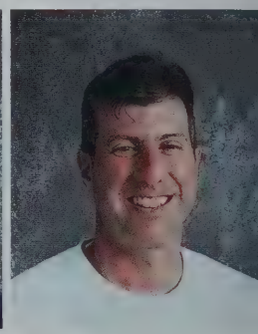

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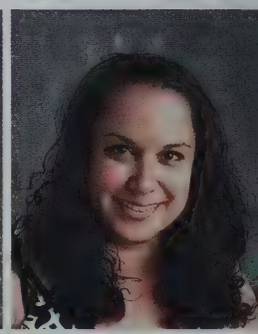

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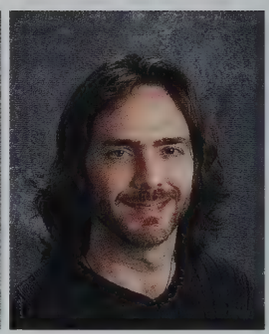

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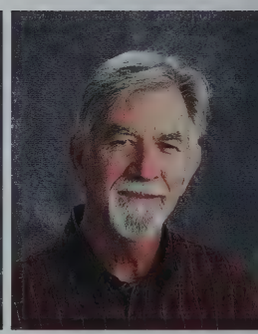

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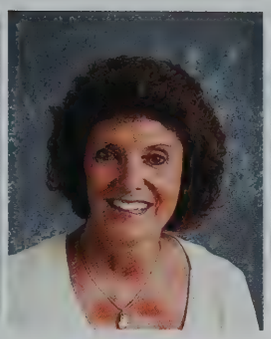

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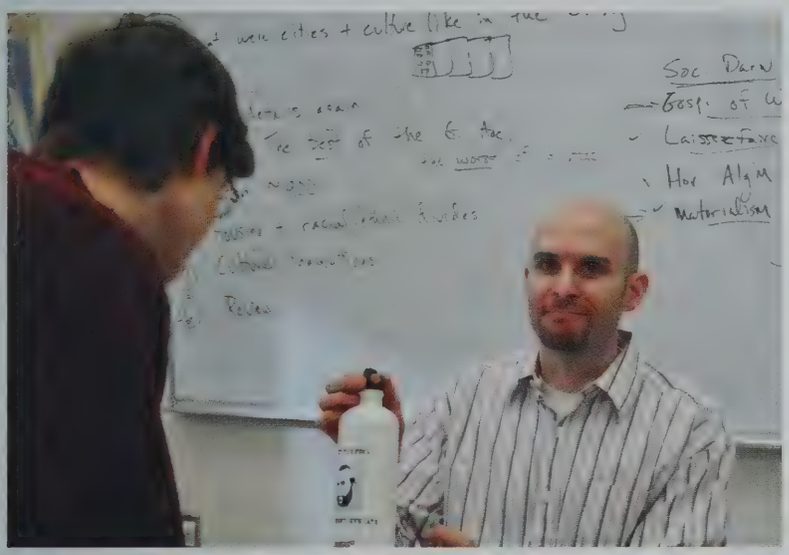

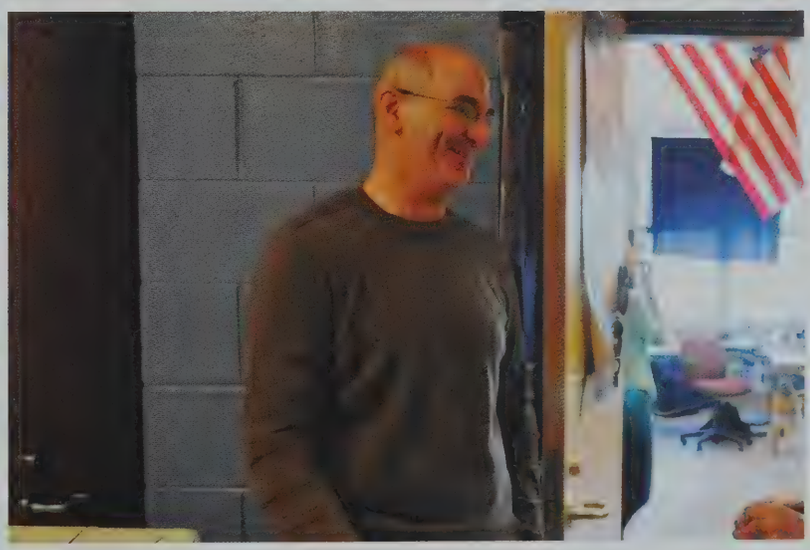

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AIR JORDAN

UNDERCLASSMEN

FRESHMEN

Shira Abramovich
Arjun Albert
Noosha Aliabadi
Miguel Alvarez
Seeyoon An
Sarah Anderson-Krim

Nicholas Andres
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Raquel Ashkenazi
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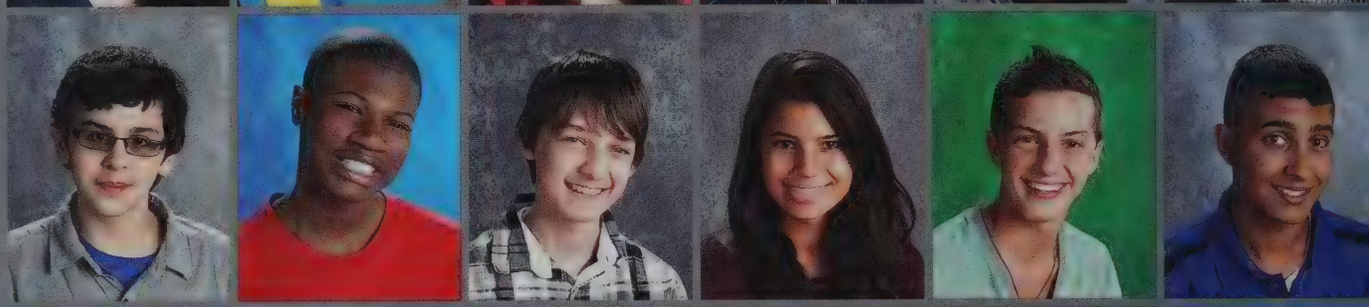

Cristelle Badaoui
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Benjamin Barnes
Matthew Barnett
Philip Batler

Serena Batson
Garance Baudin
Jaden Baye-Cigna
Abigail Belozerova
Sabrina Belozerova
Nina Berezin

Andrew Berg
Grant Berman
Angel Bermudez
Anders Boberg
Brandon Boey
Jacob Boll

Nathaniel Bolter
Zane Boudro
Quinn Boulerice
Alexandra Bovarnick
Eli Braginsky
Neoreet Braha

Katherine Brandel
Caleb Brandstein

Lilly Brownell
Gianna Bryant

Anne Burnett
Ariadne Caballero-Gonzalez

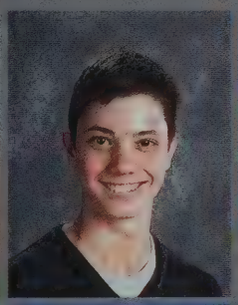
WHAT'S YOUR favorite Disney movie?

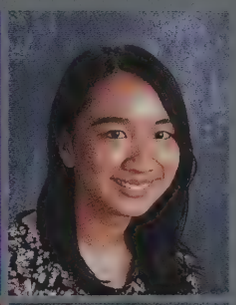
Harrison Miller — Toy Story

Alexia Miguel — Cinderella

Ava Shaevel — The Little Mermaid

Dan Goldstein — The Lion King





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Brandon Carruthers-Borelli
Alyssa Chan

Harrison Chebac
Ethan Chen
Jason Chen
Wilson Chen
Brandon Cheng
Daniela Cherny

Brianna Chin
Jody Chow
Alexandra Christensen
Monica Cipriano
Lily Clemente
Drew Cohen

Rachel Cohen
Owen Connors
Matthew Cutler
Anisha Dam
Sophia Delaney
Anthony DeNitto

Liel Dolev
Alexandra Dubinsky
Kyle Duff
Abigail Dumo
Clare Eberman
Bella Ehrlich

Danielle Eisen
Malik Elmore-Coke
Hanna Elmouhafidi
Jacob Epstein
Aaron Ewing
Monica Falls

Andrew Farber
Kama Faust
Maia Fefer
Lucas Fernandez
Bruno Ferreira
Robert Fineman

Noah Finn
Sophia Fisher
Herbert Floyd
Annalisa Flynn
Isaiah Freedman
Kayla Freedman

Joshua Freier
Shelley Friedland

Crane Friedman
Samuel Ganem

Ken Garber
Talia Geier

Favorite

TV Shows

1	Modern Family	47.5%
2	Pretty Little Liars	35%
3	Breaking Bad	7.5%
4	Glee	5%
5	Grey's Anatomy	5%

Laura Gesin
Andrew Giesta
Patrick Gloria
Daniel Goldstein
Micah Golomb-Leavitt
Julius Gordon

Tiana Gould
Kimberly Gravlin
Samantha Greer
Henry Groves
Matthew Gubenko
Kasra Hamedi

Helen Haskin
Ariana Hawley
Inbar Hazan
Samantha Heesch
Emma Henderson
Samuel Hirschhorn

Liza Hochberg
Madison Holland
Tyler Hom
Joshua Hurwitz
Brandon Hwee
Adin Insoft

Robyn Isberg
Ju-Hoi Jung
Avery Kaiser
Ruja Kambli
Ellen Kanellias
Sydney Kaster

Sarah Katz
Lexus Kelly
John Kenslea
Anna Kim
Alexander Kiritsy
Madalyn Klein

Jason Klevan
Daniel Konviser
Samuel Kopp
Mariel Kronitz
Hallie Kruh-Needleman
Felicita Kuperwasser

ICE ICE BABY

Freshman Amanda Wang has been **figure skating** since seventh grade

If nothing else, freshman Amanda Wang is dedicated. Amanda practices figure skating for four hours every day after school at the Boston Figure Skating Club. In addition, she competes in ice dancing and freestyle events at figure skating competitions about five times each year. "I've thought about quitting," Amanda admits. She acknowledges the huge commitment her sport requires, but says, " if I didn't [figure skate], I'd be a different person." Amanda decided to start figure skating in seventh grade, after watching her sister take lessons for years, and has loved being on the ice ever since. After two years of hard work, she has built up an impressive resume of tricks, including "haircutters," "double toe loops," and "death drops." Though learning a new trick involves a lot of falling, she feels she definitely gets better with practice. When she puts her training to the test at competitions, Amanda notes, "I feel nervous before I get on the ice. After that it's exciting and fun." Besides the thrill of competitions, Amanda also loves the many close friends she has made through the sport. With two years of hard training completed, Amanda hopes to continue for many more years to come.

Justin Kwan
Jessica Lanahan

Anthony Landrum
Melissa Lane

Miranda Lassar
John Laughlin

Gabriel Lazare
Chung Hin Lee
Dong Lee
Emmanuelle Lee
Matthew Lee
Noa Leiter

Charissa Lin
Anna Loar
Hannah Long
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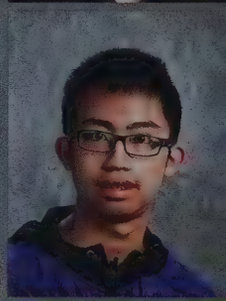
Yecheng Ma



Miles Macero
Maxwell MacKenzie
Molly Mackler
Marianne Mahoney
Jeremy Maltz
Michael Marget

Madison Marks-Hackel
Dixie Marr
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Gianna McGee-Pickett
Annika McGraw
Avantika Mehta

Joshua Metelitsa
Cameron Meyer
Amanda Michel
Alexa Miller
Harrison Miller
Madeline Miller

Emely Minino Soto
Alexia Miquel
Tyler Morris
Elysia Moy
Shafa Mustafayev
Joseph Navarro

Monika Nedeljkovic
Xavier Nelson-Rowntree
Alexander Nhek
Zoe Nicozisin
Jarryd Nissenbaum
Jeremy Nova

Liam O'Brien
Joshua O'Connell
Brooke O'Neil
Jill Oliver
Emma Owings
Sangwoan Park

Emma Paterson
Caraline Pham

Catharine Pierce
Veronica Podolny

Gayane Pogosyan
Joshua Polasky

WHAT'S YOUR spirit animal?

Mikayla Kass

"A horse, because it's my favorite animal."

Nicole Ginzburg

"A meerkat."

Julia Schutte

"A cheetah; they're cute and soft and they run fast."

Sena An

"A polar bear, because it's a peaceful creature."

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Ksenia Potapov
Kate Pozner
Kim-An Quinn
Peter Quinn
Rina Rabinovich
Lisa Ramin

Alejandra Ramirez
Amelia Ramirez
Noam Raz
William Rhatigan
Alexa Rhynd
Brianna Rivers

Christopher Roberts
Koray Rosati
Samuel Rosenblatt
Daniel Rosenzweig-Ziff
Omer Sade
Harrison Samuels

Jacob Sander
Dalia Schneider
Julia Schutte
Eyal Segal
Daniel Sellers
Ava Shaevel

Alexandra Shcherbinina
Tirzah-Neiel Shear-Yashub

Benjamin Silvian
Daniel Sisson

Sandra Skvarkova
Emily Snider

FAVORITE ice cream topping?

Hot Fudge – 19%

Everything – 19%

Rainbow Sprinkles – 16%

Cookie Crumbs – 15%

Caramel – 15%

Chocolate Sprinkles – 10%

Gummy Bears – 6%

MAXimum activities

Max MacKenzie, a freshman at South, participates in more extracurricular activities than your average fifteen-year-old. His varying interests allow for new and diverse experiences, and he loves engaging in each of them. He developed an interest in hip hop dance after watching George Sampson perform on Britain's Got Talent and now dances for two hours every week.

Sports play a large role in Max's life as well. He plays many, but his favorite is basketball. He said "I like the fast pace of basketball and that it requires a lot of energy. Any physical activity helps me concentrate better". Max hopes to play basketball at South.

Max's favorite extracurricular is music. In the fourth grade, when everyone was required to take an instrument, Max chose the saxophone. He then took up the drums and recently began playing piano. He also takes Lab Jazz and Jazz Improvisation at South.

Juggling so many extracurricular activities can be stressful, Max says. He tries to keep up with everything, but he loves each one equally and cannot imagine letting any one of them go.

Jamyre Soberanis
Liza Sockwell
Olivia Sokol
Alex Song
Isabel Sperry
Rebecca Spitz

Katherine Stack
Adam Steber
Guy Stein
Amelia Stern
Benjamin Stern
Maggie Sullivan

Katherine Summers
Haley Szydlowski
Kyle Takach
Emma Talebzadeh
David Tandetnik
Gabriela Taslitsky

Sheila Tobin
Mia Tocci
Kayla Torres
Jocelyn Tragesser
Renee Trask
Nicholas Tumpowsky

Ilias Vamvakas
Jazlyn Vega
Maria Ventouris
Adam Verga
Mariana Vetoulis-Acevedo
Talia Vicars

Emily Visco
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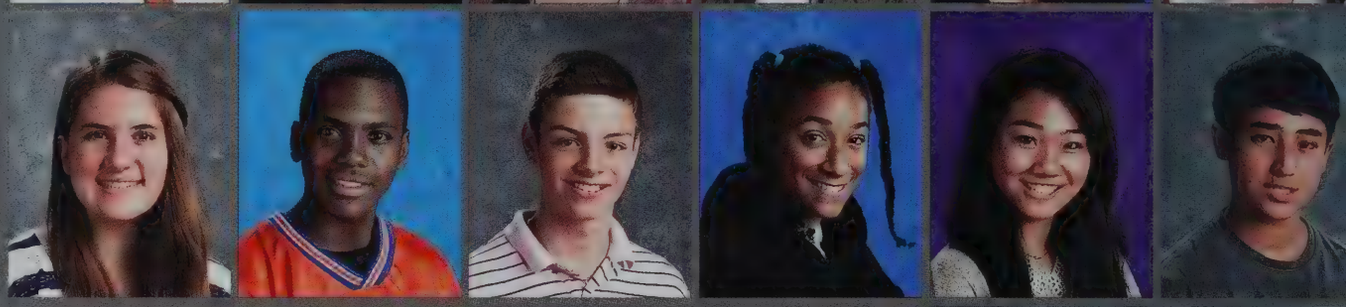
Amanda Wang
Ethan Wang



Kalena Wang
Evan Ward

Elizabeth Weiler
Brad Weissel

Solomon Weitz
John Whalen

Brandon Wong
Melissa Wong

Zoe Woodberry
Melanie Wu

MY DOG ATE IT!

Best Excuses for Missing Homework

"I almost blew up the kitchen."
Julie Longman

"The teacher didn't give it to us."
Micah Golomb-Levitt

"I left my textbook at my mom's house and I was at my dad's house."
Eli Kramer

"The power is out."
Sheila Tobin

Louis Yarmolinsky
Brian Yoffe
Nicole Yu
Reina Zapata
Yuriy Zborovskiy
Ilana Zeldin

David Zhang
Mehmet Zorluoglu
Charles Zou

Not Pictured

John Aber
Samantha Adams
Nighat Ansari
Hannah Arber
Sasha Badov
Ashley Balthazar
Francisco Barros
Miranda Bellio
Emily Benshimol
Isak Bergquist
Gabriel Betancourt
Sasha Boroda
Jean Philipp Bruehwiler
Tim Bui
Lindsay Burcz
Daniel Carney
Thomas Casey
Paul Chan
Emily Chang
Zhihang Chen
Daniel Cohen
Shelby Colledge
Christian Corrigan
Alison Costello
Lee Creech
Lauren Curhan
Richard Dai
Lina Dammann
Alyssia Davis
Alexander Dayton
Alicia de Mora
Tristan Dinsmore
Zachary Doherty-Smith
Andrew Dunayevskiy
Jonathan Elias
Lucas Emmanuel
Justin Feinberg
Samuel Fishman
Kieran Fitzmaurice
Nathaniel Flemming
Karlos Fontanez
Alexander Frankel
Ho Kwong Fu
Sophie Galowitz
Ariyana Gary
Helena Gaye
Maya Geier
Nicole Ginzburg
Quaaneiruh Goodwyn
Landra Goveia
Marissa Grannum
Rebecca Grusby
Jacob Hartman
Nick Hattermann
Felipe Herrera
Alex Huang
David Ings
Joshua Jacobson
Sally Jenks
Melanie Jermanok
Xiaohan Jia
Winston Jiang
Meredith Jones
Olivia Jordan-LaRosa
Jess Kaplan
Mikayla Kass
Evan Kaster
Noah Katz
Alizeh Khawaja
Yena Kim
Nicholas Koci
Vivienne Kogan
Brian Koker
Thomas Koker
Elijah Kramer
Joel Kravett
Isaiah Kriegman
Matthew Kronheimer
Nikita Kudryavtsev
Alisa Kuklina
Georgy Kuznetsov
Alvin Kwan
Haejoon Kwon
Mikayla LaFleur
Jason Lange
David Li
Aryeh Lieberman
Randee Lopes
Sophie Ludin
Hannah Lynch
Aidan MacBain
Stephanie Man
Jason Martin
James Maxwell
Tyler McCarthy
Alison McDermott
Rebecca McNally
Omry Meirav
Nelson Merino
Jonathan Milkey
Spencer Milliman
George Morgan
Daniel Morris
Hadas Nahar
Isabel Nichols
Mark Olchanyi
Jill Oliver
Zoe Ongaro
Sitara Pal
Miles Palma
Emily Palmer
Julia Payne
Julian Peacock
Golda Pinals
Gregory Poe
Hao Qu
Katherine Quinn
Benjamin Rabin
Suriyaraja Ramachandrababu
Maxwell Teitleman
Hadas Rosen
Jennifer Rosenthal
Jacob Rozowsky
Samuel Rubel
Michelle Sandler
Issac Seabrook
Angel Gertrude Senfuma
Anjali Shankar
Jarrett Shapiro
Matthew Shaughnessy
Benjamin Shu
Arseniy Sirota
Michael Slabine
Cecelia Spangenberg
Sabrina Stacks
Amanda Stavis
Emmanuel Suarez
Elizabeth Sulkin
Marcus Swindell
Oleg Talanin
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Alexander Tower
Thomas Tresca
Timo van Dam
Cyd Villavicencio
Neema Waddimba
Yuanzhe Wang
Abigail Weiss
Zachary Winston
Sasha Winston-Khan
Albert Wu
Jingyang Wu
Shengqi Wu
Sarah Wyner
Jeffrey Xiao
Sicong Xu
Winston Ye
Mikaeel Yunus
Jessica Zernitsky
Danning Zhang
Maggie Zhang
Ziqing Zhao
Wenxi Zhou

SOPHOMORES

Daniel Abramson
Hanin Abu Amara

Aubrey Adamczyk
Asad Ali
Minhas Ali
Waqas Ali
Margaret Allard
Dar Alon

Carli Andres
Alan Arduino Jr.
Joyce Arella
Mitchell Arruda
Katharine Asch
Sophia Autor

Diego Bacigalupe
Alexa Balmuth
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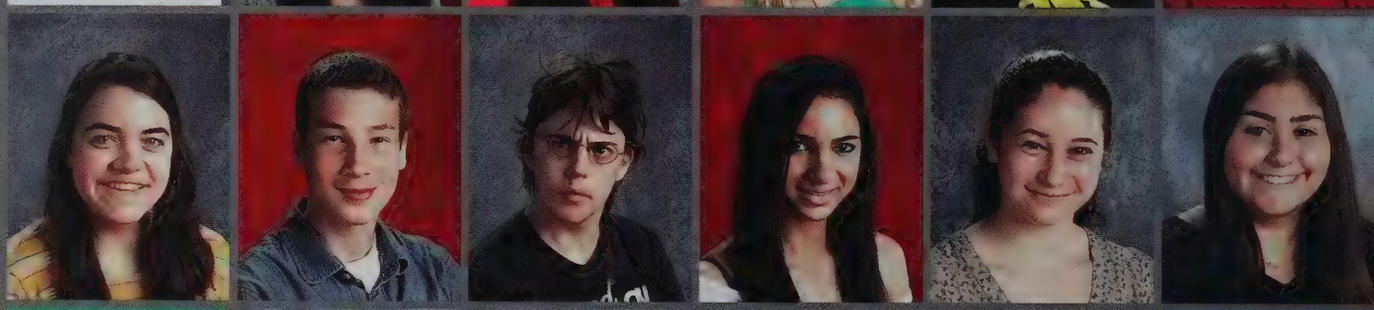

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Liam Britt

Nicole Brooks
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Paul Budge
Tamar Bulka
Michelle Bushoy
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Jared Chin
Nadan Cho
Hyunnew Choi
Andrew Chow
Emma Churchill

Julia Churchill
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Samuel Cohen
Amelia Coleman
Griffin Connolly

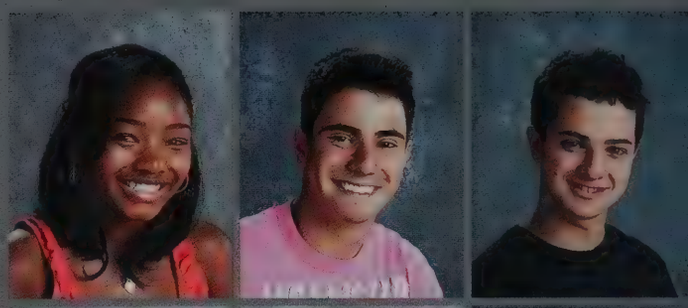
Frances Cooke
Ben Cooper
Maxwell Cooper
Yan Correa
Anna Costopoulos
Madison Crosby

Sydni Cubia
Katherine Cullen
Christine D'Annolfo
Raimond Dare
Thomas Davidge
Danielle Davidoff

best super power?

1. 27% said flying
2. 25% said teleportation
3. 19% said invisibility
4. 15% said super speed
5. 14% said super strength

Teneiya Davis
Vinicius De Souza
Adam DeAngelo



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Margaret DiMarco
Henry Donnellan

Matthew Donovan
Catherine Doran
Katherine Dorfman
Marielle Dragat
Brendan Duggan
Jelysa Durham

Martha Dwyer
Haley Eagle
Tesneem El-Alami
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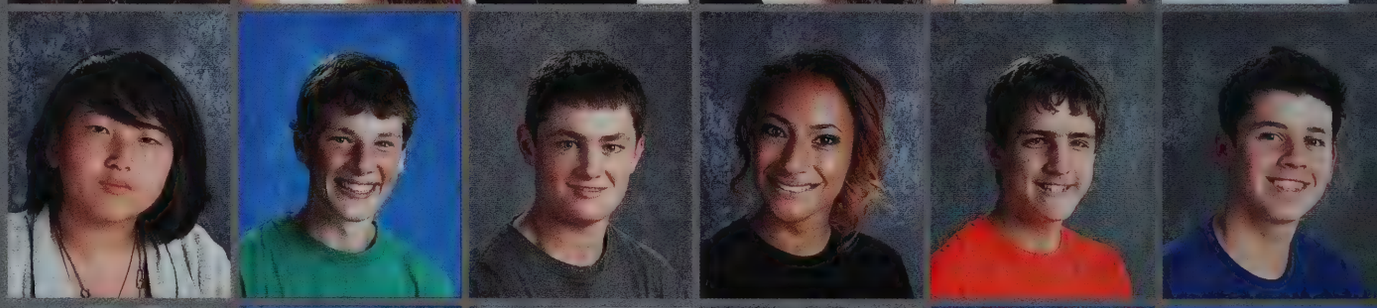

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Rose Freudberg
Corey Friedman
Edward Friedman
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Nadav Furgang

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Amy Gilbert
Isabella Gleckman

Jeremy Glickman
Nicholas Gloria
Hannah Goeselt
Andrew Goldstein
Daniel Goldstein
Valerie Gomez

Emma Gomez-Rivas
Caroline Gong
Charles Goodfriend
Samantha Goodstein
Eve Gordon
Molly Granoff-Kuhn

Anya Graubard
Geoffrey Gray
Jack Groper

Zachary Grossack
Laura Grosser
Roee Grutman

Michelle Gurvits
Joshua Halpryn
Jennifer Han

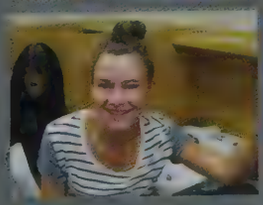
Sumit Hariawala
Aidan Hart
Sean Hart

How Do You Like Your Eggs?

Zoe Beutel:
Fried

Aleks Marceau:
Omelette

Edward Friedman:
Scrambled



Chloe Johnson:
Scrambled

William Haworth
Sarah Hayden
Royce Heard
Ashley Heesch
Nicholas Heras
Paige Herer

Camila Hernandez
Stav Hinenzon
Najiye Honca
Audrey Hooker
Jack Hooker
Samuel Hooker

Michael Horenstein
Daniel Horta-Sohmer
Rebecca Houston-Read
Julianna Huang
Julia Hurwit
Zoe Israel

Minori Ito
Paneed Jalili
Tawan Jamdee
Salong Jamir
Chloe Johnson
Adam Josephson

Oliver Kahveci
Sofia Kanaan
Mark Karmiy
Hannah Karten
Joshua Kaster
Suzanne Kaufman

Donal Keane
Connor Kee
Malia Keo
Tomer Keren
Ethan Kestenberg
Alexis Kieran

Nicholas Kieran
Dong Hwan Kim
Louisa Kimmell
Hannah King
Jonathan Kirshenbaum
Peter Klapes

Sonja Klumpp
Jeremy Knight
Lisa Knocke
Kostas Kokovidis
Galya Kolodner
Kailah Korsh

Owen Kreindel
Arturo Kuang
Georgy Kutikov
Alexandra Kuznetsov
Soohyun Kwak
Genevieve Kyn

Olivia La Monica Lacey
Tara Lanahan
Jessica Landon
Elizabeth Lass
Bona Lee
Chung Yan Lee

Jae Seung Lee
Jonathan Lee
Joshua Lee
Mitchell Lee
Seung Min Lee
Yu Mi Lee

Jacob Lenson
Eli Lerner
Eli Levine
Mary Levine
Amanda Lew
Marcello Lewis

Maestro
On The Field

When Julia Mount first picked up a violin at age five, she had no idea she was beginning a lifetime pursuit. Mount spent her middle school years perfecting her skills at the New England Conservatory and now shares her talent with the Newton South and All Newton Music School orchestras. Although she had to take some time off last year for wrist surgery, she is continuing this year with a passion. "It was definitely a setback missing last year, but I have my work cut out for me this year and everything has been going well so far," says Mount. In addition to playing the violin, Mount is on the Varsity Field Hockey team and is a student leader for the Athletes Serving the Community club.

Andy Li
Mira Li
Qin Tong Li
Sun Li
Vivian Li
Yulan Li

Daniel Likoff
Sihao Lin
Rachel Linsky
Kevin Lo
Kelsey Logan
Samuel London

Tatiana Lopes
Ana Lopez Canales
Nicolas Lucena Farias
Sebastian Lucena Farias
Allison Lushan
Colin MacGinnitie

Jordan Magier
Kristen Magliozzi
Patrick Mahoney
Anton Malin
Luke Mallory
Aleksandr Marceau

Jillian Marks
Anne Mashberg
Anna Mason
Samuel Mataev
Meaghan McDonald
Claire McElduff

John McElduff
Rebecca McGarry
Kathleen McGauley
Brianna McIsaac
Rachel McVittie
Allison Mei

Sabreena Mei
Carly Meisel
Sophie Menashi
Nicholas Menz
Ava Meyer
Dana Michlin

Akari Miki
Andrew Miller
Chloe Miller
Daniel Mizrahi
Kaitlyn Moloney
Sabrina Montana

Sarah Moskowitz
Julia Mount
Mandy Moy
Michael Moy
Jeanie Na
Jesse Nacht

Evan Nahabedian
Sonya Nair
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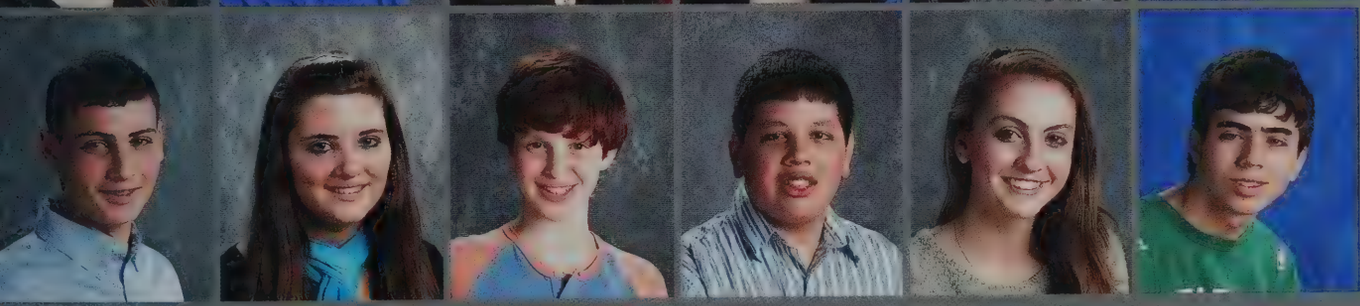

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Angela O'Leary
Nathan Oasis
Joseph Odvarka
Genevieve Ogden
Leonardo Orlando

From Switzerland To South

In seventh grade, Sophomore Dezso Wyner moved to the United States from Switzerland. He had gone to an international school in Switzerland, but now enjoys the environment at South. "People take care in making sure that everyone is included," he noted. Wyner says that having studied English in Switzerland has helped him assimilate to American culture. His favorite subject is History, especially regarding Europe. When he is not in school, Wyner enjoys playing many sports, especially soccer, running, and Frisbee. He is also a promising racer on the Newton South Ski Team. On top of these activities, Wyner also loves to travel. His favorite places to visit include London, Istanbul, and Northern Italy. Someday, he hopes to travel to every continent, including Antarctica.

Simon Osorio
Emily Oxenaar
Shiri Pagliuso
Sanjay Panchu
Saejung Park
James Patti

Maya Pattin
Ian Paul
Cameron Pennell
Joslin Pettingell
Dennis Phan
Brenda Phat

Connor Pierce-Gupta
Zachary Pittel
Brian Poirier
Jasper Primack
Molly Pushner
Adam Qian

Jack Rabinovitch
Hannah Rabinowitz
Megan Ragab
Amara Regehr
Nathan Reider
Johann Rindisbacher

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SINGER?

Red Hot Chili Peppers

Calvin Rose

Frank Sinatra

Alex Robertson

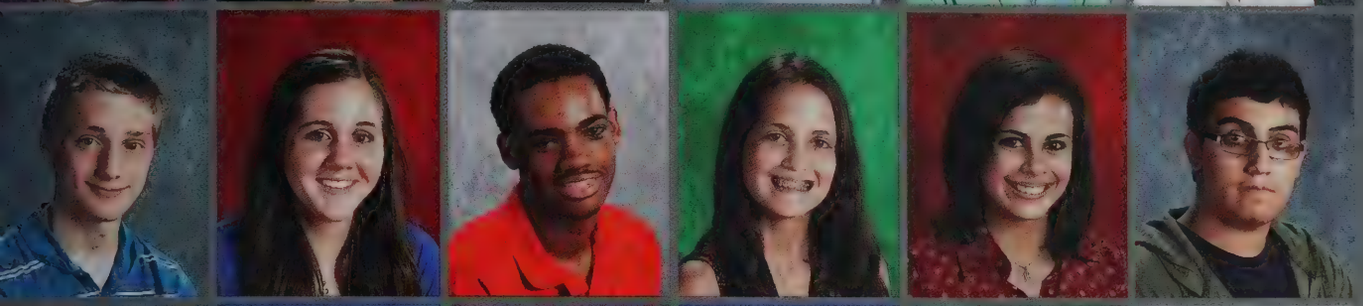
Ed Sheeran

Serena Allegro

Beirut

Jack Rabinovitch

Charlotte Robbins
Alexandra Robertson
James Robison
Jacob Rogers
Keonne Romes
John Rosata



Calvin Rose
Miriam Rosenberg
Tyler Ross
Elizabeth Rufo
Mary Jo Rufo
Armin Sabouri

Andrew Salend
Rachel Samuels
Isabel Schulman
Jacob Schwartz
Brittany Scott-Martin
Daniel Shaar

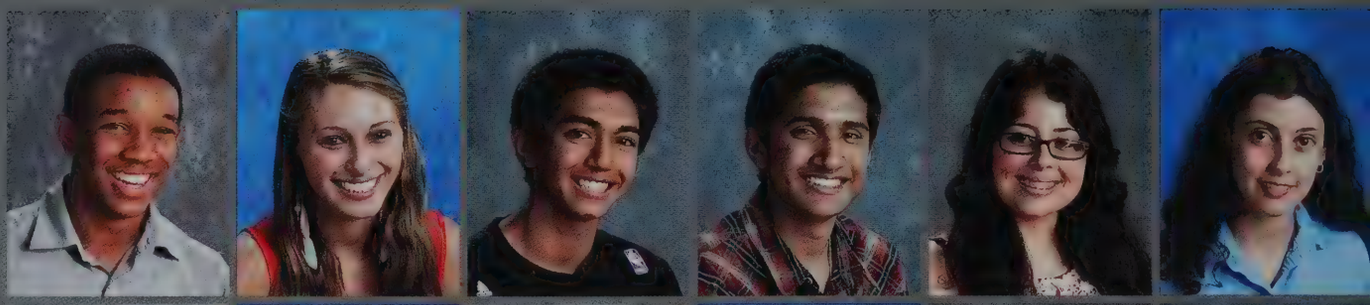
Marishah Shahrol
Shahzwan Shahrol
Natalie Shammay
Luke Shapiro
Samuel Sharon
Andrew Shaughnessy

Pereshah-Saphir Shear-Yashuv
Matthew Shems
Chenxi Shi
Benjamin Shteinfeld
Noah Shuster
Parisa Siddiqui

Emily Silverman
Jacob Silverman
Isabel Silverston
Myles Silvia
Gabriella Sinclair
Ahaana Singh

Benjamin Sisson
Victor Situ
Mark Slavsky
Amari Smith
Min Sook Song
Emma Spector

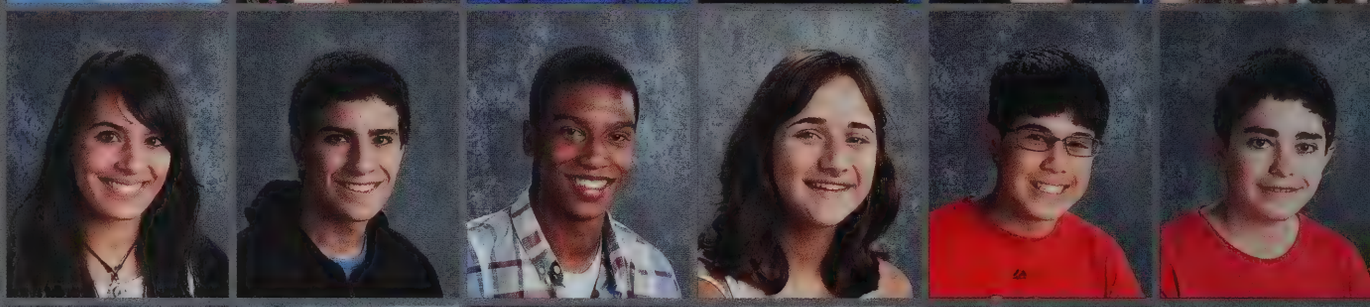
Mason Spence
Kristin Spink
Arjun Sridhar
Sachin Srivastava
Sally Stack
Nora Stein



Zachary Stein
Bailey Steinberg
Max Sternburg
Matthew Stoia
Jeremy Su
Alecxandr Sugrue

Paul Swetz
Jordan Tacey
Roni Tamir
Jade Tang
Julia Tartaglia
Calypso Tausig

Isabel Tenreiro
Nicholas Tenreiro
Levon Tiekka
Gabriela Tiraspolski
Darren Trementozzi
Ben Tuval



Haggay Vardi
Alexia Vernet
Joshua Vertes
Sydney Voss-Kernan
Alexander Vu
Cameron Walsh

Victoria Wan
Andy Wang
Kevin Wang
Maceo Warre
Ashley Wasilewski
Janelle Watty

Benjamin Weingart
Karen Weinstock
Sierra Weintraub
Miles Welbourn
Angelina Weng
Elena West

Matia Whiting
Charlotte Willett
Rebecca Williams
Stephanie Wise
Virgil Wong
Keith Woo

Christopher Wood
Morgan Woods
Zhe Wu
Dezso Wyner
Yasmin Yacoby
Joy Yang

Trevor Yee
Alice Yi
Ellie Yorke
Edward Yun
Ariel Zerner
Qingnan Zhang

Chuqian Zhou
Kathy Zhu
Olivia Zou

Not Pictured

Serena Allegro
Essence Asamoah
David Berman
Franyelis Casado
Nicholas DiNisco
Benjamin Dorfman
Ariel Fermin
Raymond Johnson
Rebecca Kalissa
Zachary Kaufman
Itamar Levy-Or
Sara Lewis
Christopher Lin
Benjamin Lipper
Quran Maiben
Isa Mustayev
Raquel Neiman
Christopher Olsson
Emma Oxenaar
Maxwell Peacock
Alexi Reibman
Siddharth Roychowdhury
Elda Scherre de Lacerda Neta
Andrew Shields
Jessica Stewart
Asako Takeuchi

JUNIORS

Maite Abadia-Manthei
Astha Agarwal
Lucrecia Aguilar
Jacob Alexander
Anna Alsop
Jiyoon An

Suzanna Anderson
Fiza Ansari
Grant Balkema
Harrison Bamel
Nyshja Barboza
Nicolas Baudin

Alessandro Bellucci
Destaye Bereket
Natasha Berezin
Hanna Berga
Tyrus Bergersen
Alan Berkovitz

Nathaniel Berman
Rachel Bialik
Sheldon Blake-Waterman
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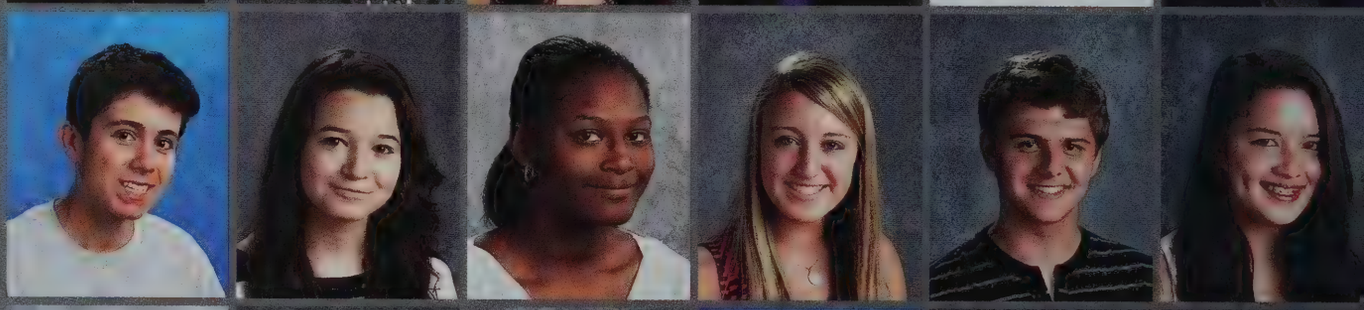
Peter Blum
Sarena Borer



Keayra Boswell-Grayson
Margaret Boucher
Kadesha Bromberg
Trevor Burns
Dina Busaba
Liana Butchard

Brandon Byun
Areli Caballero-Gonzalez
Sydney Caminetsky
Sophia Canning
Joshua Carney
Sophie Cash

Zachary Cater
Sophia Cen
Billy Chan
Kayla Chan
Michael Chandra
Alekhya Chaparala

Omama Cheema
Albert Chen
Emily Chen
Vanessa Chen
Zhao Hua Chen
Zung Chen

Andrew Cheung
Samantha Chin
Eunji Cho
Frances Christakis
Dylan Cloud
Alexander Cohen

Amy Cohen
Jordan Cohen
Joseph Cohen
Omri Cohen
Jordan Cohen-Kaplan
Reagan Colnon

Madison Connolly
Emma Corfman
Higor Correa
Laura Cotter
Eric Dalitzky
David Danino

Galloping to Nationals

Lauren Powtack, a junior at South, competitively rides horses.

Lauren Powtak with one of her many awards

Lauren Powtak has been horseback riding ever since the 5th grade. Now, Powtak is an avid rider, practicing at least four times a week during the school year, and nearly every day during the summer. Powtak qualified to compete in nationals last year but her horse, Cricket, got hurt and she had to pull out of the competition. Powtak is back on Cricket this year, and she has qualified for the summer regionals already. Lauren has been competing with Cricket since last fall, and hopes to compete with him even more in the future!

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Deyar Dashti
Khashayar Dashti
Samara DaSilva
Zachary Davidson
Rowan Davis
Alexandre De Souza

Selena DeLeon
Andrew Dembling
Joshua Dempsey
Richard DeNitto
Ethan Dinh
Dylan Ditullio

Kevin Dober
Connor Donahue
James Donlan
Jennifer Dorfman
Maria Dorfman
Kristina Economou

Daniel Ehrlich
Naomi Eisenberg
Akeilia Ellis
Peter Erickson
Alyssa Erspamer
Melanie Erspamer

Mara Ezekiel
Matthew Fagundo
Matthew Fallon
Jason Feldman
Andrew Feng
Precious Fernandes

Emma Feynman
Elizabeth Filshtinsky
Elizabeth Fineman
Jacob Fink
David Fishman
William Fleisher

Shayla Foley
Lauren Forrow
Courtney Foster
Nathan Foster
Stephanie Foster
Jacob Freedman

Jackson Fried
Daniel Friedman
Tsun Wai Fu
Anna Victoria Garik
Yonatan Gazit
Nadine Geller

Gabriel Giamarchi
Margalit Glasgow
Tal Golan
Rosalie Goldberg
Daniel Goldstein
Emily Goldstein

Aaron Golub
Joshua Gordon
Danit Gorelik
David Gorelik
Jarrett Gorin
Daniel Goudovitch

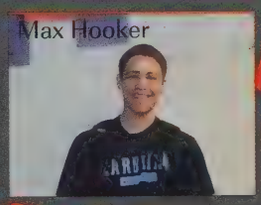
Monique Gould
Eliza Granahan-Field

Myanna Grannum
Devlin Grasley

Graham Grasley
Ian Greer

Marissa Cropman
Melanie Gundersheim

Who's your celebrity CRUSH?



Max Hooker

Mila Kunis

Myanna Grannum

Channing Tatum

Jordy Cohen:

Jessica Alba, pre-pregnancy

Leda Olia

Adam Levine

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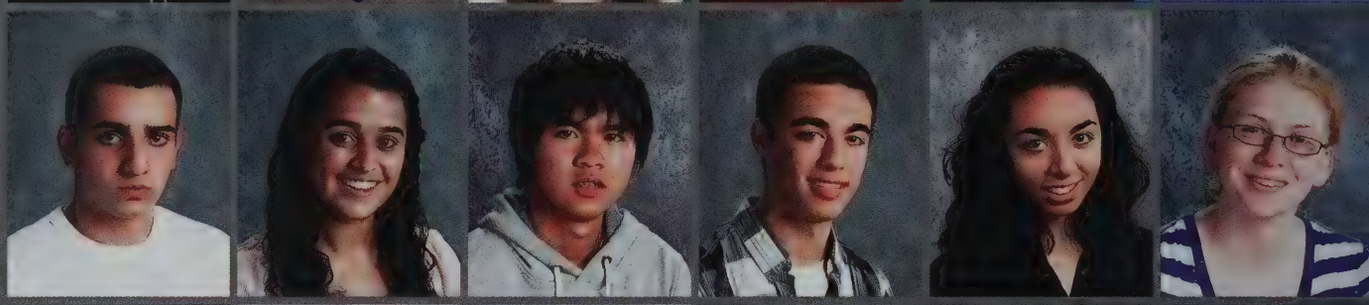
Alex Guralnik
Samuel Haas
Olivia Hamilton
Harry Handler
Andrew Hardigg
Steven Hardy

Darius Hare
Yasmine Hashemi
Justin He
Keith Henzer
Tobi Henzer
Sophie Hill



Mark Hochberg
Namron Holder
Katie Holdren
Lucy Holmes
Gabriel Honigsberg
Max Hooker

Thomas Howe
Gibson Howell
Hellen Huang
Mariam Husain
Charlotte Huth
Hans Hysenaj

Jonathan Isenstein
Clara Ives
Sienna Jackson-Unger
Leah Jacobson
Jacob Jermanok
Matthew Joe

Dylan Johnson
Andrew Jonash
Kenneth Joyner
Rachel Jung
Eli Kaganov
Samuel Kaminsky

Jonah Kan
David Kasten
Emily Kaufman
Eamon Keane
Finn Kearns
Sean Kelly

Shaylah Kelly
David Kennedy
Daniel Kenslea
Roshaan Khawaja
Jae Hyung Kim
Minkyung Kim

Ryan Kim
Rachel Klevan
Bomi Koo
Valeria Kottke
Jelena Kupcevic
Alicia Lam

Brandon LaMotte
Albert Lee
Jung Min Lee
Ye Rim Lee
Nicky Leiter
Caroline Leong

Lauren Levey
Andrew Levine
Lily Levine
Zachary Levine
Philip Levine-Caleb
Rachel Levy

Shachar Levy
Jiaqi Li
Justin Liao
Eric Licho
Ji Hyun Lim
Xianwei Liu

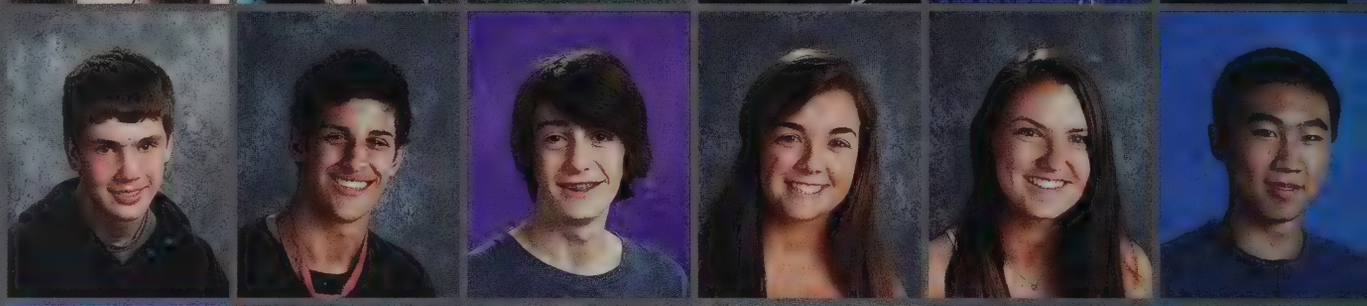
Favorite Day Of the School Week

Friday	1	38% said that Friday is their favorite day of the school week.
Tuesday	2	26% said that Tuesday is their favorite day of the school week.
Thursday	3	21% said that Thursday is their favorite day of the school week.
Monday	4	10% said that Monday is their favorite day of the school week.
Wednesday	5	5% said that Wednesday is their favorite day of the school week.

Yichun Liu
Ruston Lodi
John Lovett
Matthew Lu
Kimberly Ly
Linda Lyons

Sophie MacArthur
Lela Madfis
Patrick Maher
Erik Manditch
Matthew Marcus
Nicholas Marino

Elliot Martin
Elias McAfee-Hahn
John McBreen
Caitlain McDonald
Caolinn McSwiggan
Alexander Mei



Caroline Melly
Jason Meng
Ethan Meyer
Kaela Meyer
Madeline Meyer
Benjamin Miller

Julie Milunsky
Toni Monge

Julian Montagut
Melissa Moody

Lewis Morin
Adoran Moshe

Crew-sing to the finish line

Picture taken by Emily Goldstein

Grant Balkema started crew four years ago non-competitively and then last year competitively. Even though he has crew almost everyday of the week, Grant loves it. He usually rows in eights which are boats with eight rowers and a coxswain. Grant has become very close with the people he rows with saying, "It feels like it's more than just a team. It's definitely more than just showing up to practice with a bunch of kids." He really enjoys the sport and thinks of as a fun team activity. Grant rows at Community Rowing, Inc., CRI for short. CRI has a boys and girls team, and Grant is part of their boys team. When he describes rowing Grant says, "It's not just rowing, it's a way of life. It changed the way I eat, it changed the way I see myself, and it changed my idea of teamwork."

Ramin Mozhgani
Matthew Muller
Musa Mustafayev
Hannah Nahar
Monica Nair
Harry Nanthakumar

Timothy Newton
Vinh-Hop Ngo
Derek Nie
Marjorie O'Hearne
Anjali Oberoi
Julie Olesky

Leda Olia
Parker Olson
Nicole Oppenheim
Jeremy Oshins
Sophia Osorio
Kelly Pappas

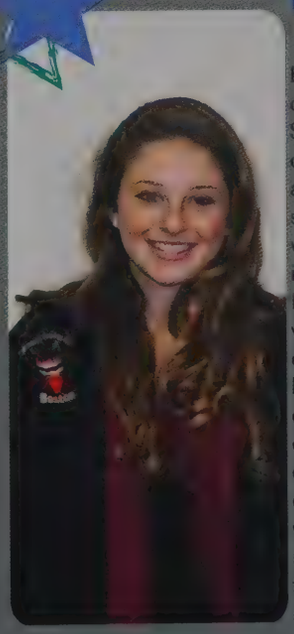
Charles Parker
Kanika Patel
Abigail Patkin
Victor Peri
Tristan Pesaresi
Joshua Pfannl

Collin Pham
Abigail Polk

Jason Pollock
Debora Pontes

Rachel Portnoy
Daniel Potochnik

Row, Row, Row your boat



Beth Yudelman, a coxswain for the CRI girl's crew team, started in the spring of eighth grade. She heard about crew from her sister who was on the team for years prior to Beth. Beth has always done crew competitively and has practice six days a week with races almost every weekend, but loves it. Because she is a coxswain, in charge of the boat's navigation and steering, Beth can only race and practice in fours or eights which are boats with four rowers or boats with eight rowers, plus her, the coxswain. Beth loves her job as a coxswain and she says, "The coxswain is like the rower's brain." She thinks crew is a different sport, time consuming, but still enjoys it very much. Beth loves crew and the community, or team, of CRI saying, "Just being with a team for two and a half hours for six days makes crew what it is. In order to pass through the finish line, you need to rely on your team so much and it is the most thrilling sport ever."

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Lauren Powtak
ChenFang Qi
Minh-An Quinn
Marina Rakhilin
Saranya Ramadurai
Linda Rao

Nadav Raz
Katherine Regan
Anna Rhatigan
Abbie Richards
Benjamin Robinson
Yuval Rosen

Nikita Roy
Gabrielle Rozowsky
Jessa Rubera
Ethan Rucinski
Ethan Ruder
Dylan Russo

Jonah Saitz
Emma Sander
Joshua Sander
George Sangiolo
Rachel Scanlan
Stephanie Seiden

Shahmir Shahrol
Maria Shallop
Liam Shanny
Andrew Shapiro
Tekoah-Mikneiah Shear-Yashub
Hannah Shields

Alan Shekhtman
James Dean Sherman-Caffray
Kyuhwan Shim
Ashley Shin
Hee Beom Shin
Isabel Shishko

Allen Shiu
Noa Shneorson
Dylan Shuler
Tyler Siegal
Celina Siegel
Natalie Silverman

Grace Smith
Julia Smith
Julia Snider
Isabel Snyder
Myeonggeun Song
Ryan Spatz

Thomas Stephens
Emeline Sterpe
Camille Stubbe
William Su
Samantha Suga
Sarah Swalboski

Benjamin Szanton
Benson Tai
Ko Takasugi-Czernowin
Mackenzie Targett
Gabriel Taylor
Daniel Teich

Alexandra Teicholz
Curtis Teitleman
David Ter-Ovanesyan
Michelle Tian
Emily Tippett
Kayleigh To

Heroes Among Us

Ado Moshe

Flying

Hannah Shields

Flying

Lucretia Aguilar

Invisibility

Rowan Davis

Shape Shifting

If You could have one super power, what would it be?

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Patrick Torres
Ryan Trevino
Michael Trifonov
Monica Tseng
Janice Tso
Nicole Varpahovsky

Anastasiya Vasilyeva
Alexander Verbitsky
Cam Vicars
Alexander Voros
Haruka Wakimoto
Samuel Walkes

Peter Walsh
Kylie Walters
Samuel Walters
Sara Wang
Nicole Wantman
Simon Weiler

Sarina Weiss
Michaela Wong
Lindsey Woo
Gabrielle Woodberry
Devon Woods
Christopher Wu

Richard Wu
Kaiyanna Wynn

Oliver Xie
Walter Yang

Kelsey Yee
Vladislav Yelizarov

hit songs

What's your top song of 2012?

1. Gangnam Style by PSY 23%

2. Call Me Maybe by Carly Rae Jepson 21%

3. Some Nights by Fun. 21%

4. Payphone by Maroon 5 18%

5. Whistle by Flo Rida 17%

Beth Yudelman
Joshua Zaff
Dean Zeldich
Kevin Zhu
Danna Zinger
Joshua Zygadlo

Not Pictured:

Jakeel Allen-Gordon
William Alperin
Carlos Armenteros Saez
David Ashner
Julian Asuaje Solon
Matthew Belezos
Nina Blanchette
Dean Bovarnick
Inseok Chang
Michael Costello
Leo Curry
Jessica Dagg
Shalice Deloney-Phillips
Aaron Edelstein
Daniel Ehrlich
Hattie Gawande
Denzel Harrison
Jake Houston
Lensanok Imsong
James Ings
Eshaan Jain
Katherine Jasukow
Blake Johnson
Shawn Johnson
William Kramer
Matthew Levey
Bonan Li
Danny Melikhov
Bailey Michell
Samuel Miller
Ethan Morgan
Olegs Musatovs
Ariana Pierce
Kylie Poirier
Maya Polasky
Diara Pope
Sasha Restrepo
Thiago Henrique Salles
Erick Smith
Scott Sonnenberg
Sky Striar
Tyrone Thornton
Philip Tsien
Ethan Wehrwein
Matthew Wenger
Cheuk Wu
Fareeha Yousaf
Dominic Zammuto
Michelle Zaslavski

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SENIORS

Photo by Yu-Ching Chang

CLASS PRESIDENT

"To me, class office is more than just a fun event planning activity. It has, over the years, become a really important part of my identity. I love making others happy, and I really believe that's what being in class office is all about. It's not about the money made during each event, or having the title of class president, it's about really caring about the grade and caring about making the collective grade have a wonderful year. If there's one thing I've learned from being in class office for four years, it's that event planning is really hard and there are so many details involved! But I have learned so much with my experiences in office and I would never take back any part of my experience, no matter the hardships or the roadblocks I had to face. There is no way I can describe the relief and pride I feel when an event is completed successfully. I feel so lucky to have been able to experience it and it has definitely taught me so much to bring with me to the future!"

—*Emily Ho*

Rose Taylor getting a henna tattoo at Sophomore Sleepover

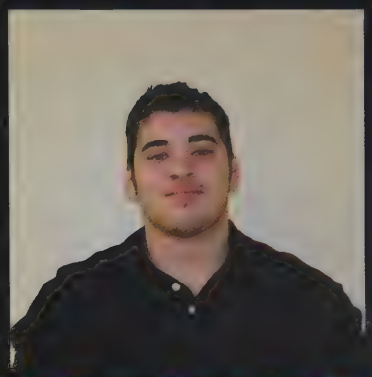
Emily Ho and Nicole Vertescher at Sophomore Sleepover

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Chris Keo, Vice President

"Class office has been an amazing experience for the past three years. I really got to meet my class and I was able to interact with everybody. I'm really going to miss it."
Chris Keo

"It was a good 12 years in the Newton Public School system with you people, so I hope we finish it off the right way and have as much fun as possible with it. Good luck to everybody as we all move on with our lives. And to my homies: keep in touch...but for the rest of you have a good life, cuz I'm probably never gonna see you again."
Michael Sugrue

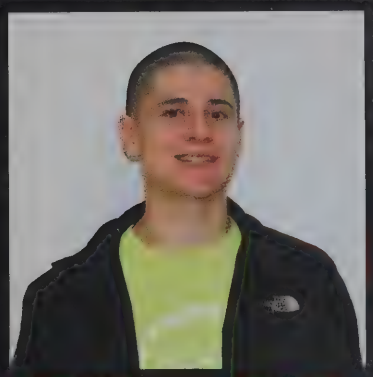


Michael "Segway" Sugrue, Class Officer

Shawheen Rezaei, Class Officer

"Being a class officer gives me the power to positively influence the high school experience for my classmates. I initially wanted to become a class officer because I saw it as an excellent opportunity to help my class. I have found this position to be particularly rewarding in teaching me how to further develop my capacity as a leader. For that, Class Office has been an invaluable component of my time at South."
Shawheen Rezaei

"Serving as a class officer has taught me discipline and integrity. I love my fellow officers like cousins. I love class office."
Daniel Kaufman



Daniel Kaufman, Class Officer

Chelsea Jones, Class Officer

Eliza Spieglman, Sammy Boucher, and Abby Rice at Sophomore Sleepover

Becca Maxwell in a sumo suit at Sophomore Sleepover

Laura Kessel, Sean DiMarco, Kitty Crowley, Harley Greene, Olivia Siegel, Jackson Hsu, and Shawheen Rezaei hypnotized at Sophomore Sleepover

SENIORS

Leah Abercrombie

Clara Abramson

Noah Adams

Divya Agarwal

Max Agress

Karina Alfisher

Eric Allegro

Maya Alper

Ashton Andrews

Jennie Anisimov

Danica Apotheker

Deion Arneaud

1994

January 17
A Northridge earthquake of magnitude 6.7 in San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles kills 72 and leaves over 26,000 homeless.

March 14
Apple Computer, Inc. releases its first Macintosh computers that use the new PowerPC Microprocessors, which is a leap in the use of personal computers.

May 6
The Channel Tunnel (Chunnel), an underwater tunnel which connects England and France, opens.

May 10
Nelson Mandela in inaugurated as south Africa's first black president.

Lauren Astrachan

Eliza Bakalchuk

John Banks

Daniel Barabasi

Elizabeth Barnett

Jamie Baron

Lydia Basque

Jordana Batler

Dina Bedri

Taylor Beidler

Ella Belfer

Halley Belt

1995

January 1
The World Trade Organization is established to replace the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

March 16
Mississippi ratifies the 13th amendment, becoming the last state to approve the abolishing of slavery. This amendment was nationally ratified in 1865.

April 19
Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols set off a bomb at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people.

September
The DVD is announced.

Andreas Betancourt

John Blatchford

Yana Bliznakova

Peter Block

Gil Blume

David Blumenstiel

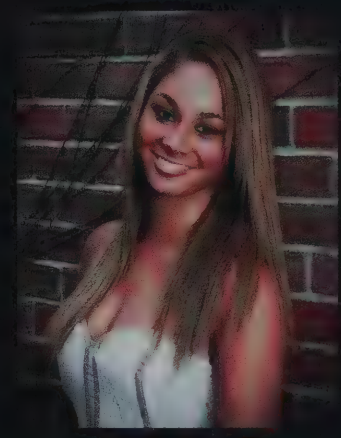
Karissa Borer

Samantha Boucher

Alison Brack

Michael Britt

Justin Brooks


Kayla Burton

1995

September 4
eBay is founded

October 3
O.J. Simpson is found not guilty for the murders of his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

November 22
Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Pictures release "Toy Story", the first full-length computer animated feature film.

December 31
The final original *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip is published.

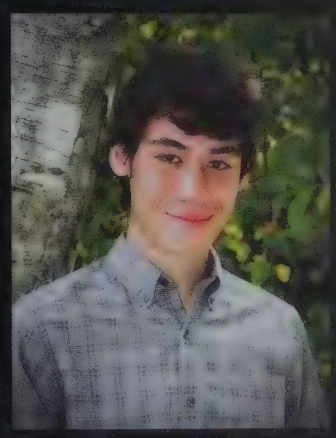
Conrad Buys

Woojeong Byun

Emily Caggiano

Mary Carlson

Lucian Cascino


Samuel Casler

Janice Cen

Kayla Chan

Sze Yi Chan

Esther Chang

Yu-Ching Chang

Jason Chari

1996

January 6 - January 8

The blizzard of 1996, a severe nor'easter, paralyzes the east coast of the U.S. with up to 4 feet of wind-driven snow.

July 5

Dolly the sheep, the first mammal to be successfully cloned from an adult cell, is born at the Roslin cloned from and adult cell, is born at the Roslin Institute in Midlothian, Scotland.

July 17

Flight 800 of Trans World Airlines explodes and crashes in the Atlantic Ocean near East Moriches, NY, killing all 230 aboard.

July 19

The 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia begin.

Mohammed Shariq Cheema

Lucinda Chen

Peter Chen

Bryan Cheng

Yoonchan Choi

Alex Chung

In yong Chung

Kristen Cipriano

Ryan Clark

Zoe Clayton

Sara Clemente

Gali Cohen

1997

March 31 - April 1
The April Fool's Day Blizzard in the northeastern region of the United States brings 25 inches to the Boston area.

July 1
The United Kingdom hands over sovereignty of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China.

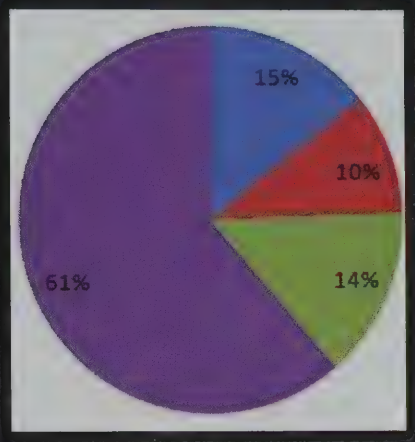
July 10
Scientists in London report their DNA analysis findings from a Neanderthal skeleton, which supports the "Out of Africa" theory of human evolution.

July 19
Bloomsbury Publishing in London publishes J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.

Joshua Cohen

Scott Cohen

Favorite Year of High School



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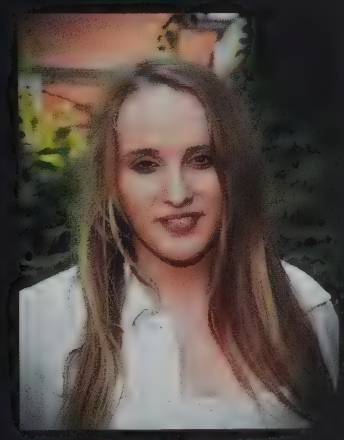
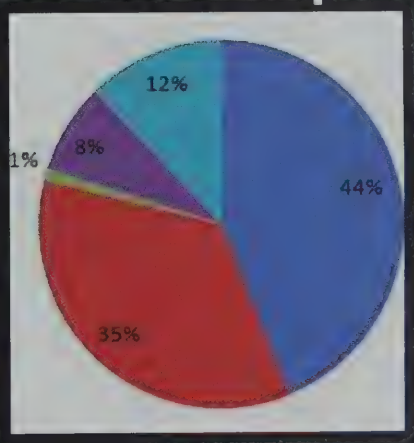
JUNIOR
SENIOR

Abigail Coleman


Isobel Collier

Favorite Lunch Spot

OTHER
PANERA BREAD
SUBWAY
THE STATION
DINER
TANGO MANGO



Alexandra Conrad

Juliana Costa

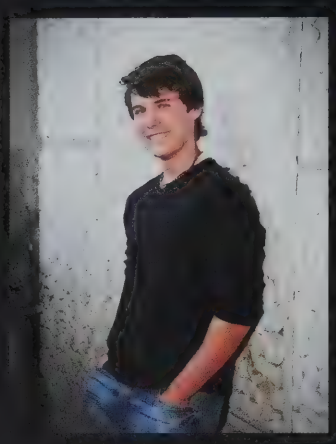
1997

August 31
Princess Diana of Wales is taken to the hospital after a car accident.

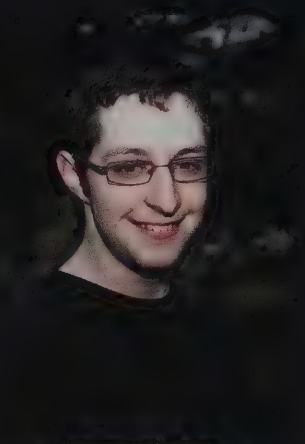
December 9
The Vatican blesses the Pokemon Trading Card Game for its notion of "intense friendship," for being "full of inventive imagination," and for its lack of "harmful moral side effects."

December 11
The Kyoto Protocol, an international environmental treaty to fight global warming, is initially adopted.

December 19
The film Titanic is released and grosses over $1.8 billion. It remains the highest-grossing film of all time for twelve years.


Zachary Coville Carney

Katherine Crowley


Benjamin Curhan

Lauren Cutler

Alexander D'amore

Matthew Dahl

Eric Dai

Michael Danino

Alicia Dare

Ana Daurio

Christopher Davila

Shonda Davis

1998

May 8

The Department of Justice and 20 states decide to formally bring antitrust charges against Microsoft for allegedly attempting to crush competition in the Internet browser arena.

July 5

Japan joins the United States and Russian as an outer-space exploring nation when it launches a probe to Mars.

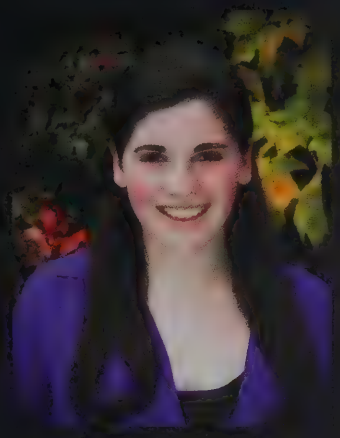
August 7

U.S. embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya are bombed, killing 224 people and injuring over 4,500. The attacks are linked to terrorist Osama Bin Laden.

September 4

Google, Inc. is founded in Menlo Park, CA by Stanford University PhD candidates Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

Olivia DeAngelo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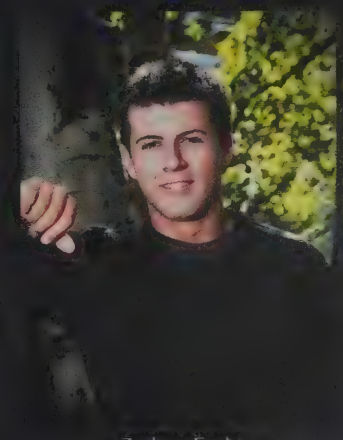
John Deng

Sean Dimarco

Madeline Donlan

Nicholas Donnellan

Juliana Dragat


Zachary Eagle

Catherine Eberman

Benjamin Eisenberg

Madeline Emmett

Sofia Epshtein

1999

January 1
The Euro is established.

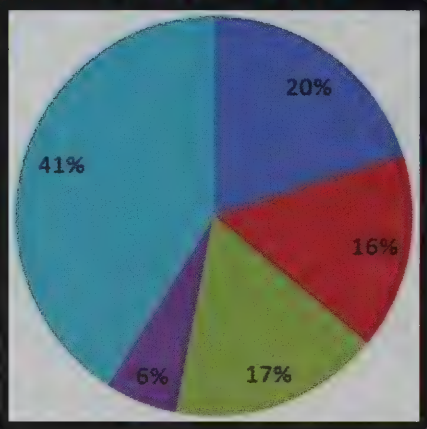
February 12
President Bill Clinton is acquitted in impeachment proceedings in the Senate.

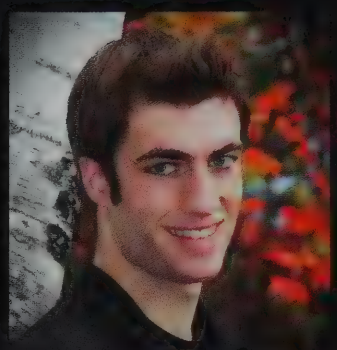
April 20
Columbine High School massacre; two Littleton, CO teenagers, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, open fire on teachers and classmates, killing 12 students, a teacher, and then themselves.

May 3
In the 1999 Oklahoma tornado outbreak, an F5 tornado slams Moore, OK, killing 38 people. It is the strongest tornado recorded in world history.

Favorite Starbucks Drink

PASSION ICED TEA
PEPPERMINT HOT CHOCOLATE
ICED COFFEE
CHAI LATTE
OTHER



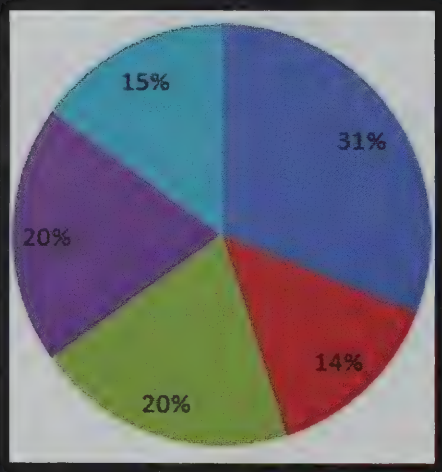

Patrick Fabrizio

Evan Feldman

Jesse Feldstein

Omer Fine

Best Class to Have Canceled



ENGLISH
HISTORY
MATH
SCIENCE
LANGUAGE

Jacey Finn

Jonah Fisher

1999

June 1
Napster, a revolutionary music downloading service, debuts.

July 17
The official series premiere of the cartoon *Spongebob Squarepants* debuts.

July 23-July 25
The Woodstock 99 festival is held in NY. It is the second large-scale music festival to replicate the original Woodstock Festival of 1969.

December 31
The U.S. turns over complete administration of the Panama Canal to Panama, as stated in the Torrijos-Carter Treaty of 1977.

Daniel Fleming

Sophie Forman

Jared Frankston

Adam Freedman

Liora Friedberg

Jenny Friedland

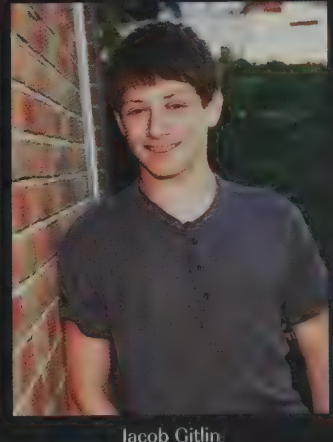
Chloe Fulara

Anqi Gao

Sara Gelles-Watnick

Julian Geltman

Liana Ghiron


Jacob Gitlin

2000

January 1

The Y2K problem, which caused fear that computers would not shift from 1999 to 2000 correctly, is fixed when companies upgraded their software.

February 13

The final original *Peanuts* comic strip is published, following the death of its creator, Charles Shulz.

March 12

Pope John Paul II apologizes for the wrongdoings by members of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the ages.

March 26

Vladimir Putin is elected president of Russia.

Juliette Glickman

Julia Goldberg

Ellie Goldsmith

Hayley Goldstein

Elliana Golijov

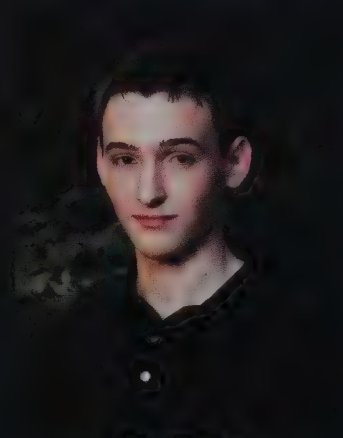
Shafia Gray

Nathan Greenberg

Harley Greene

Michaela Gross

Tal Grutman


Adam Hadley

Zachary Halpryn

2000

July 22

News of the World urges its reader to sign a petition for Sarah's Law, new legislation in response to the murder of Sarah Payne, which would give parents the right to know whether a convicted pedophile was residing in their area.

August 14

Nickelodeon debuts *Dora the Explorer*.

December 13

Bush v. Gore: The U.S. Supreme Court stops the Florida presidential recount, effectively giving both the state and the presidency to George W. Bush.

Guy Hamilton

Rachel Hargreaves

Jonee Harrison

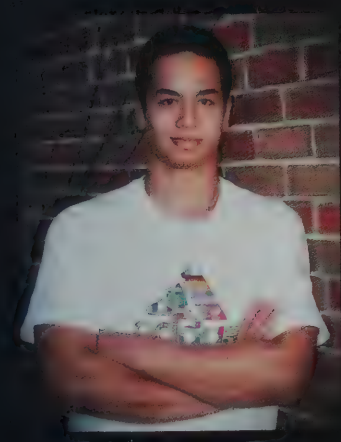
Robert Hayes

Nadav Hazan

Tuleeka Hazra

Christina Helbert

Rebecca Heller


Mon Henglin

Rena Heras

Joseph Hickey

Emily Ho

2001

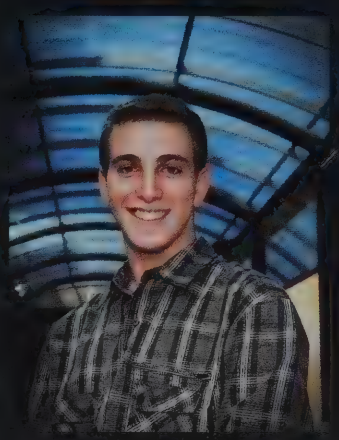
January 20
George W. Bush is inaugurated.

January 15
Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia, is launched.

April 1
In the Netherlands, legislature allowing same-sex marriage goes into effect, permitting same-sex couples to marry legally for the first time since Nero (Roman Empire).

September 6
United States v. Microsoft: The U.S. Justice Department announces that is no longer seeks to break up Microsoft, and will seek a lesser antitrust penalty instead.

Lucy Hoffman


Zachary Holt

Samuel Houston-Read

Jackson Hsu

Nelson Huang

Colin Hung

Nicholas Hurney

Rachel Hurwitz

Michael Hwang

Jacob Jaffe

Limasenla Jamir

Sarah Jaweed

2001

September 11

Nearly 3,000 people are killed in the attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, VA, and in Shanksville, PA.

October 7

The United States invades Afghanistan, with participation from other nations, beginning the War in Afghanistan.

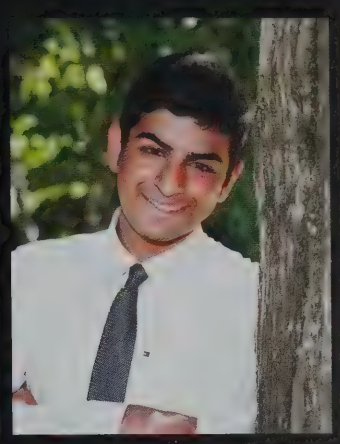
October 26

President George W. Bush signs the USA PATRIOT Act, increasing the ability of law enforcement agencies to search telephone, email, heath, and financial records of citizens.

November 10

The first iPod is released.

Chelsea Jones


Joe Joseph

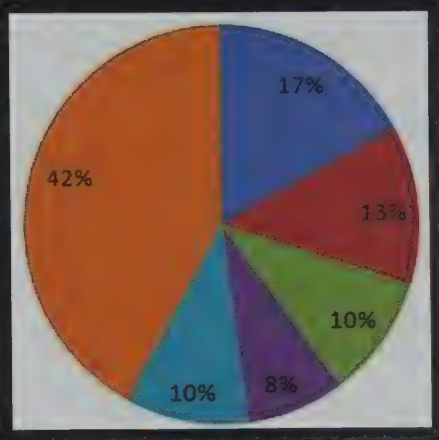
Annie Kadets

Lili Kadets

Agnes Kalissa

Ariel Kalotkin

Favorite Elective



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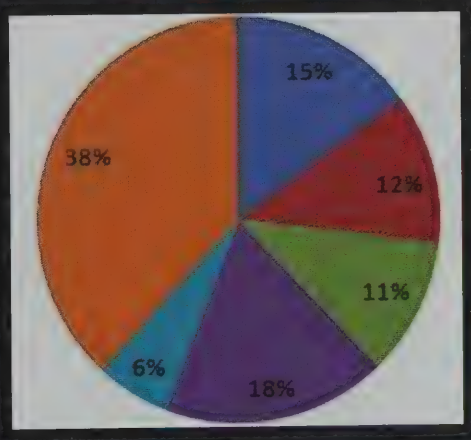
EARLY CHILDHOOD
OTHER

Dream Vacation Spot



ENGLAND
FRANCE
SPAIN
HAWAII
COSTA RICA
OTHER

2002

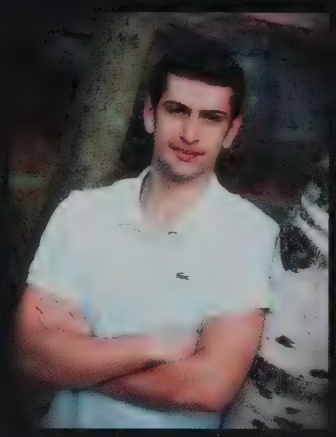
January 8
The No Child Left Behind Act is signed into law by U.S. President George W. Bush.

February 3
The Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVI.

February 8-February 24
The 2002 Winter Olympics are held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

May 12
Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter arrives in Cuba for a 5-day visit with Fidel Castro, becoming the first U.S. President, in or out of office, to visit the island since Castro's 1959 revolution.

Alex Kane


Samuel Karmiy

Jason Karys

Raphael Kasobel

Sima Kasraie

Jessica Katz

Erin Katzeff

Craig Kaufman

Daniel Kaufman

Gabrielle Kaufman

Jennifer Kaufman

Kayla Kee

2002

May 26

NASA's *Mars Odyssey* spacecraft finds signs of large ice deposits on the planet Mars.

November 5

The U.S. Republican Party maintains control of the House of Representatives and gains control of the United States Senate.

November 25

U.S. President George W. Bush signs the Homeland Security Act into law, establishing the Department of Homeland Security, the largest U.S. government organization created since the creation of the Department of Defense in 1947.

Meaghan Kelly

Michael Kenny

Christopher Keo

Laura Kessel

Melanie Kim

Min-Sun Kim

So Jung Kim

Michael Kinch

Dorie Klein

Jesse Klimov

Anders Klumpp

Rachel Knight

2003

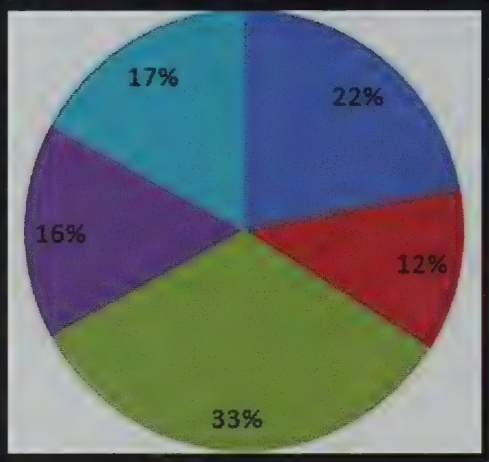
February 9
The War in Darfur begins.

February 26
An American businessman is admitted to the Vietnam France Hospital in Hanoi, Vietnam with the first identified case of SARS. Both the businessman and his doctor later die of the disease.

March 13
The journal *Nature* reports that 350,000-year-old upright-walking human footprints have been found in Italy.

March 19
The Iraq War begins with the invasion of Iraq by the U.S. and allied forces.

Favorite Sports Team



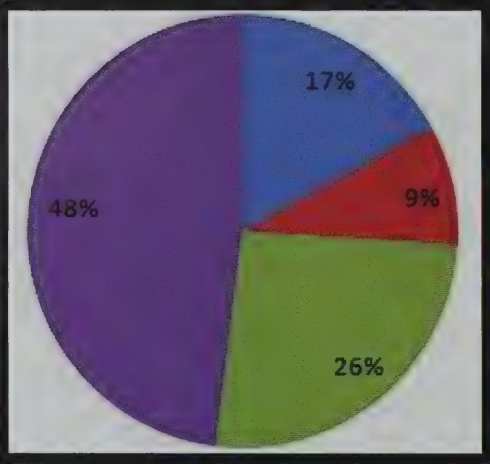
Elif Kocdag

Ian Kolinski

Anastasia Kozlova

Robin Kurosawa

Favorite Season



Amielle Kutzen

Melissa Kwan

2003

April 14
The Human Genome Project is complicated, with 99% of the human genome sequenced to 99.99% accuracy.

October 7
California voters recall Governor Gray Davis from office and elect actor Arnold Schwarzenegger to succeed him.

November 18
The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, in Goodridge v. Department of Public Health, rules anti-same-sex marriage laws unconstitutional in Massachusetts.

December 24
A Mad Cow disease outbreak in Washington State is announced. Several countries including Brazil, Australia, and Taiwan ban the impo of beef from the United States.

Susan Landon

Alexander Lau

Daniel Lerner

Gerald Leung

Marissa Levee

Charlotte Levine

Alexander Levy

Ohad Levy-Or

Sarah Linkova

Zachary Litchman

Amanda Liu

Vivian Liu

2004

February 3
The CIA admits that there was no imminent threat from weapons of mass destruction before the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

February 4
Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook.

May 6
The series finale of *Friends* airs on NBC.

May 17
Massachusetts legalizes same-sex marriage, in compliance with a ruling from the state's Supreme Judicial Court (Goodridge v. Department of Public Health).

Avra Liverman

Kelly Lo

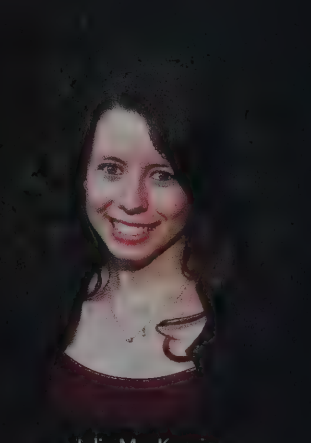
Marin Lopci

Samuel Ludin

Curtis Lyon

Wendy Ma

Connor MacBain


Julia MacKenzie

Joshua Makaruse

Alexander Man

Ethan Mandelcorn

Robert Maratos

2004

June 5

Ronald Reagan, former U.S. president, dies after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for over a decade.

October 27

The Boston Red Sox win the World Series for the first time since 1918.

December 26

One of the worst natural disasters in recorded history hits Southeast Asia, when an earthquake with magnitude 9.3 hits the entire Indian Ocean region, generating enormous tsunami waves that crash into the coastal areas of numerous nations. 186,983 die while more than 40,000 people remain missing.

Gabriela Mata-Escamilla

Mikayla Mataev

Nathan Matzka

Rebecca Maxwell

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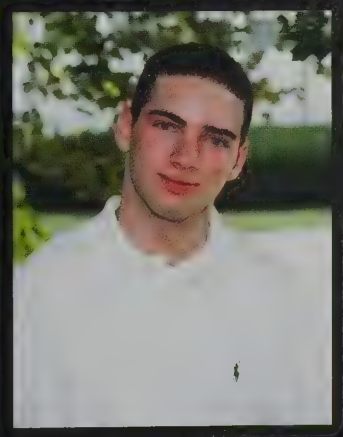
Leanora McVittie


Jacob Medoff

Derek Mei

Alona Meirav

2005

January 20
George W. Bush is inaugurated in Washington, D.C. for his second term as the 43rd President of the United States.

January 20-22
North American Blizzard of 2005 drops more than 3 feet of snow in the Boston Area.

February 10
North Korea announces that it possesses nuclear weapons as a protection against the hostility it feels from the United States.

April 2
Pope John Paul II dies; over 4 million people travel to the Vatican to mourn his death.

Leyah Melikian

Benyamin Meschede-Krasa

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Alanna Milshtein

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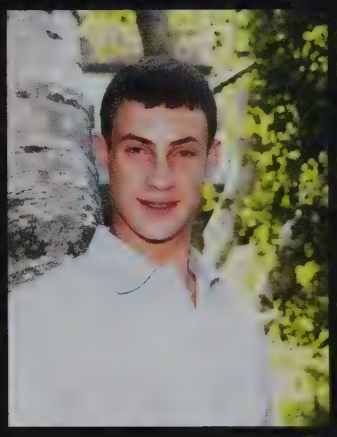

Jeffrey Noymer

M. Anne O'Brien

2005

July 7

A series of coordinated suicide attacks in London, United Kingdom, which targeted civilians using the public transport system during the morning rush hour, kills 52 people, along with the four bombers, and injures over 700.

August 29

Hurricane Katrina makes landfall along the U.S. Gulf Coast, causing severe damage. At least 1,836 die in the aftermath.

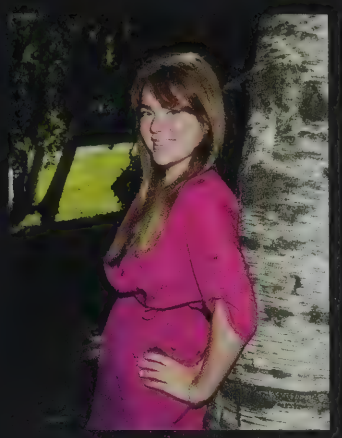
November 13

Andrew Stimpson, a 25-year-old British man, is reported as the first person proven to have been 'cured' of HIV.

November 30

Surgeons in France carry out the first human face transplant.

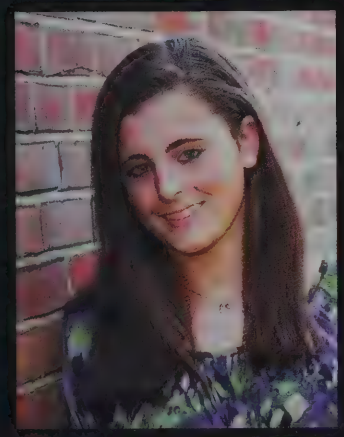
James O'Leary



Brittany O'Neil

Jennifer Olins

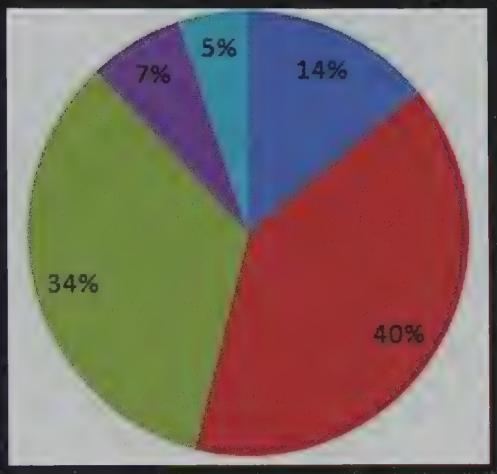
Stewart Ostrow



Megan Pappas

Samantha Paragona

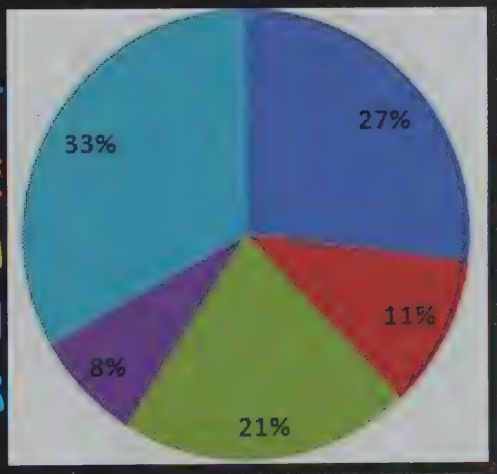
Number of Colleges Applied To



1-4
5-9
10-14
15-19
20+

Best iPhone App

SNAPCHAT
RUZZLE
INSTAGRAM
TEMPLE RUN
OTHER



2006

January 24
"An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore's documentary about global warming, is released at the Sundance Film Festival.

September 29
Republican Congressman Mark Foley resigns after he is discovered soliciting e-mails and sexually suggestive instant messages to teenage boys.

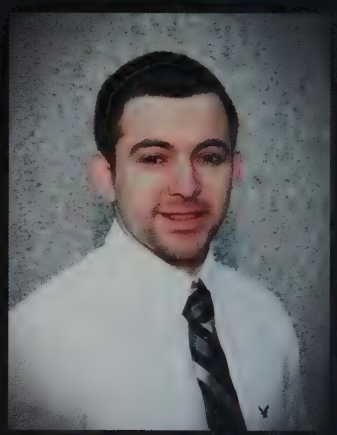
November 5
Former President of Iraq Saddam Hussein is sentenced to death by hanging by the Iraqi Special Tribunal.

November 8
Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who was a proponent of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and held responsible for the Abu Ghraib torture and prisoner abuse scandal, resigns.

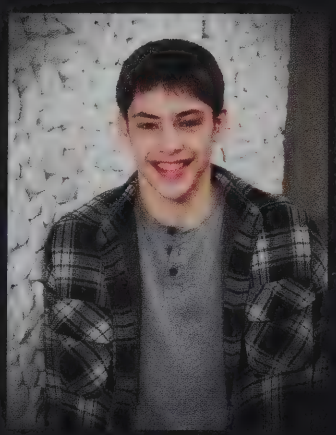
Jung Park

Andrew Paul

Jay Pawa


Stephen Pereira

Michael Pezza


Joseph Pincus

Daniel Poe

Gabriel Puglisi

Amreen Qaiyum

David Rabinowicz

Sarah Rabinowitz

Emma Race

2007

January 30
Microsoft releases Windows Vista.

April 16
Virginia Tech massacre: Seung-Hui Cho kills 32 people and wounds 25 others before committing suicide.

June 29
The first iPhone is released.

July 21
The final book of Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, is released and sells over 11 million copies in the first 24 hours, becoming the fastest selling book in history.

Lily Ramin

Elena Ramos

Anastasia Rastokina

Eric Ray

Nicholas Reed

Madeleine Reeg

Shawheen Rezaei

Stephane Rhynd

Abigail Rice

Jack Rice

Noah Rivkin

Matthew Roberts

2008

January 2
The price of petroleum hits $100 per barrel for the first time.

March 14
Tibet unrest begins with the Lhasa riot; Dalai Lama's followers take advantage of the Chinese Olympics.

May 12
The Great Sichuan Earthquake in China, which reached a magnitude of 8.0, kills an estimated 68,000 people.

May 21
George Bush signs the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, prohibiting the use of genetic information in heath insurance and employment.

Favorite Fruit

APPLES
ORANGES
BANANAS
BERRIES
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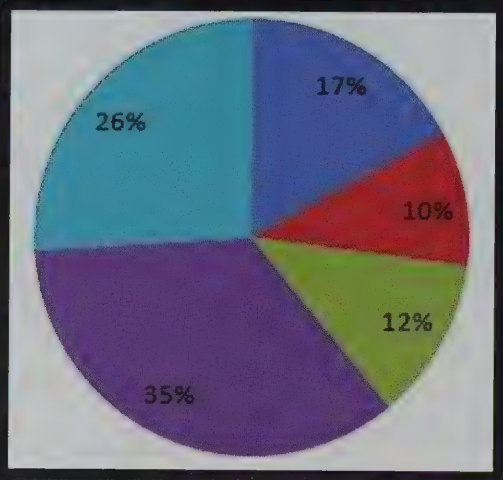


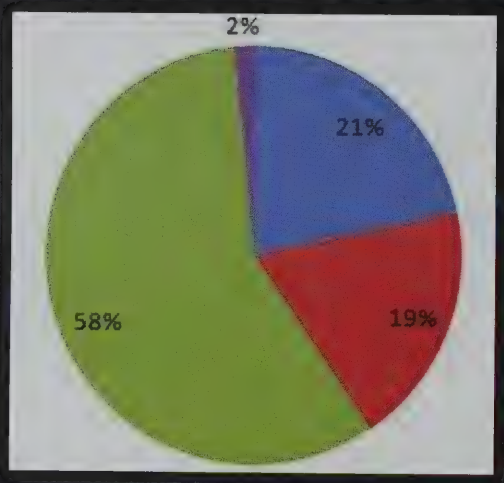
Hannah Robins

Ana Clara Robison

Aidan Rose

Jessie Rosen

Favorite Meal of the Day



BREAKFAST
LUNCH
DINNER
SNACKING

Troy Rothman

Sydney Rubinstein

2008

August 7
The Russo-Georgian War over disputed territories-South Ossetia and Abkhazia-begins.

August 17
Michael Phelps wins eight gold medals, surpassing Mark Spitz in gold medals won at a single Olympics.

September 29
The DOW loses 777 points, the biggest one-day point decline ever. The drop came after the House of Representatives voted down a 700 billion dollar bank bailout plan.

October 33
George W. Bush signs the revised Emergency Economic Stabilization Act into law, creating a 700 billion dollar Treasury fund to purchase failing bank assets.

Sarah Salvucci

Francesca Sands

Tom Sasson

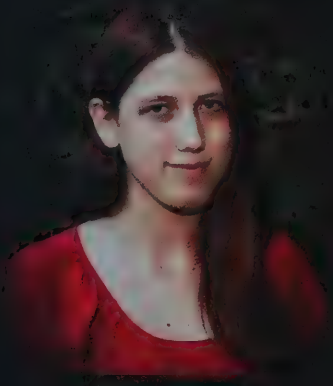
Sophie Scharlin-Pettee

Leo Schumann

Jane Seewer

Bryan Sellers

Sonam Shankar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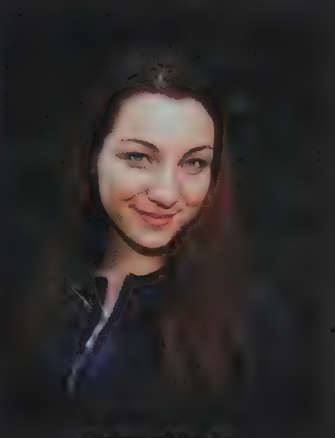
Emily Sharp

Lauren Sherman


Rebecca Shpektor

2009

January 20
Barack Obama, the first black president, is inaugurated.

March
The stock market hits its lowest point, the pinnacle of the financial crisis.

March 12
Bernie Madoff pleads guilty to 11 federal felonies including securities fraud, mail fraud, money laundering, making false statements, perjury, and theft from an employee benefit plan.

June 11
The outbreak of the H1N1 influenza strain, a.k.a. swine flu, is deemed a global pandemic.

Edina Shu

Xin Shu

Oliver Simon

Oleksiy Skrynnyk

Zuzana Skvarkova

Danielle Slabine

Benjamin Snyder

Jay Sobel

Lev Sokolowski

Eliza Spiegelman

Brian Spink

Omer Stein

2009

June 25

The death of American entertainer Michael Jackson triggers worldwide grief. Online, reactions to the event cripple several major websites and services, as the abundance of people accessing the web addresses pushes Internet traffic to unpredicted and historic levels.

October 1

Paleontologists announce the discovery of an Ardipithecus ramidus fossil skeleton, deeming it the oldest remains of a human ancestor ever found.

December 18

James Cameron's movie *Avatar* is premiered in the U.S. It is the first movie to gross over 2 billion dollars, surpassing Cameron's *Titanic* as the highest-grossing film.

Sarah Steinberg

Julian Still

Jonathan Stricker

Keegan Stricker

Bryce Summers

Yulia Suvorova

Matthew Swalboski

Barak Swarttz

Tori Swartz

Sophie Swetz

Savanna Tavakoli

Rose Taylor

2010

January 12

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake occurs in Haiti, devastating the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince, and killing over 230,000.

April 14

Volcanic ash from one of several eruptions beneath Eyjafjallajökull, an icecap in Iceland, begins to disrupt air traffic across northern and western Europe.

April 20

The Deepwater Horizon oil platform explodes in the Gulf of Mexico, killing eleven workers. The resulting oil spill spreads for several months, damaging the waters and the United States coastline, and prompting international debate and doubt about the practice and procedure of offshore drilling.

Joseph Trask

Anna Tsareva

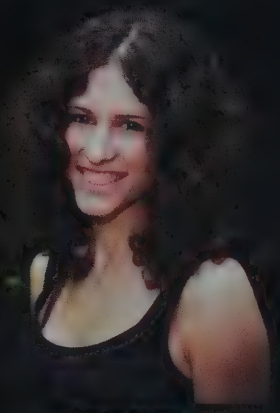
Guya Tuval

T'Lani Tyler

Jonathan Van Vreden

Paul Vasiloff

Sophia Veksler


Marissa Vertes

Nicole Vertescher

Kyra Visnick

Linda Wagoner

Jonathan Wang

2010

April 23

The Arizona Senate Bill 1070 is signed by Governor Jan Brewer, becoming the broadest and strictest anti-illegal immigration measure in recent U.S. history.

July 25

Wikileaks, an online publisher of anonymous and classified material, leaks to the public over 90,000 internal reports about the U.S.-led involvement in the War in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2010.

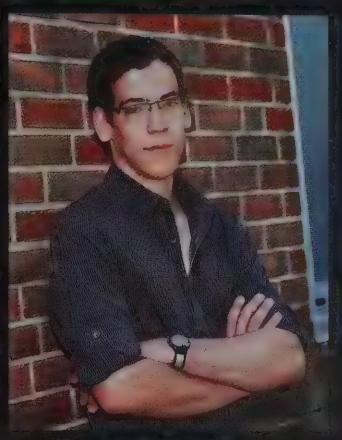
October 13

Thirty-three miners near Copiapó, Chile are brought back to the surface after surviving for 69 days, 700 meters underground in the San José Mine.

December 18

Arab Spring begins with the revolution in Tunisia.

Karen Wang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Hannah Wayne

Selene Weekes

Sophia West

Margaret Whalen

Mina Willett

Briyana Willis

Alexis Wing

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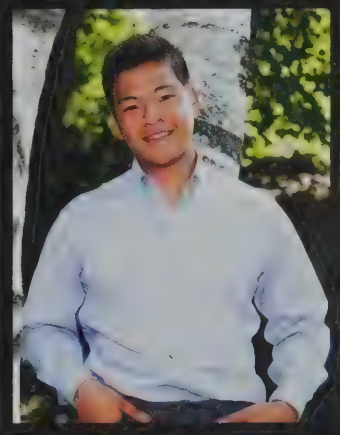

Steven Wong

2011

March 11

A 9.1-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami hit the east of Japan, killing 15,840 and leaving another 3,926 missing. Emergencies are declared at four nuclear power plants affected by the quake.

April 29

An estimated two billion people watch the wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey in London.

May 1

President Barack Obama announces that Osama bin Laden, the founder and leader of the militant group Al-Qaeda, has been killed during an American military operation in Pakistan.

Kevin Wu

Yaara Yacoby

Charles Yang

Frances Yang

Tony Yao

Daoxu Ye

Victoria Yee

Wesley Yee

Rodney Yip

Hikaru Yonezaki

Amanda Yong

Yeon Yoo

2011

August 21-28
Hurricane Irene hits the East Coast of the U.S. and the Caribbean.

December 15
The United States formally declares an end to the Iraq war.

July 7
The world's first artificial organ transplant is achieved, using an artificial windpipe coated with stem cells.

October 5
Steve Jobs dies of pancreatic cancer.

December 17
Kim Jong-il, supreme leader of North Korea, dies.

Fareeha Yousaf

Boey Yu

Kendrick Yu

Henry Yun

Calvin Yung

Tatyana Zaborovskaya

Aaron Zaitchik-Winnic

Austin Zeizel

Raquelle Zelada

Eugenia Zeng

Eric Zhang

Han Zhang

2012

October 22
Hurricane Sandy forms in the Western Sea.

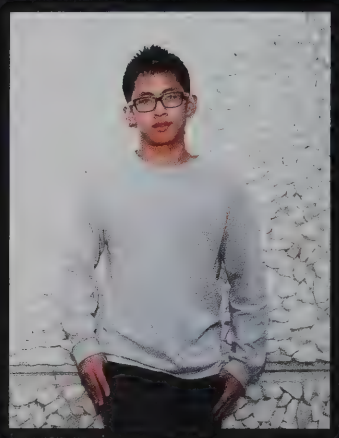
November 10
President Barack Obama is re-elected, defeating Republican opponent Mitt Romney with 322 electoral votes to Romney's 206.

December 14
The tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut occurred, killing twenty children and six staff members. Behind the Virginia Tech massacre in 2007, this was the second deadliest school shooting in the history of the United States.

December 21
"Gangnam Style" becomes the first video to reach one billion views on YouTube.

Kevin Zhang

Wenjing Zhang


William Zhang

Jie Zhao

Kevin Zhu

Caroline Zola

Charlotte Zolit

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2013

January 21
Barack Obama is inaugurated for his second term as President.

February 8
The blizzard Nemo hits New England.

June 6
The NSHS Class of 2013 graduates.

FAVORITE MEMORIES

Benyamin Meschede-Krasa
"When Mr. Crosby blew up a pumpkin."

Louisa Warnke
"Playing in the pit orchestra for Hairspray."

Drew Paul
"When I had my first canceled class."

Linda Rao
"When I took Project Adventure."

Marini Lopci
"Spending all my time in PJ's office."

Danielle Slabine
"When I sent my chemistry study guide to the entire grade."

Andreas Betancourt
"When I ate three burritos in one sitting."

Abby Rice
"Being a part of South soccer."

Sophie Swetz
"When the lacrosse team does dress up spirit."

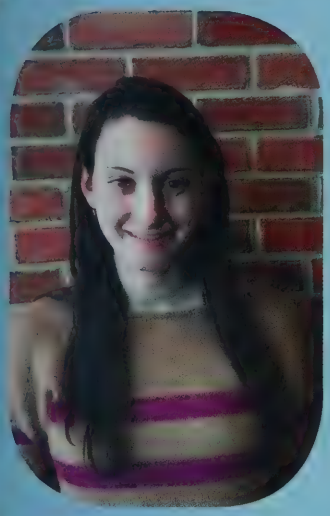
SENIOR

Ella Belfer excels behind the scenes. As the leader of the tech crew responsible for sets used in South's school plays, she puts in long hours making sure everything on stage is perfect. She can handle power tools like a pro, and manages to have fun with a "small community of incredible people," even while stuck at school for hours in preparation for a show. Not only a fabulous techie, Ella is an actress as well. She played Marya in the 2011 production of Government Inspector. Aside from her involvement with South Stage, Ella dances at Siagel, continuing a passion for dance she has had since first grade. She has showcased her talents at Tertulia and Teabarn, and also helps run social media for "Americans for Informed Democracy," which aims to empower citizens to take political action. Ella writes for Leo magazine and is an active member of Newton South's Habitat for Humanity club. Although she juggles many responsibilities, Ella's friend Dina Bedri describes her as "spontaneous and fun."

Michael Kenny, better known as Michelino, has many talents. He has played club soccer for ten years for Massachusetts Premier Soccer, and became a captain of the South soccer team after three years of being on the team. Equally impressive is Michelino's skill in his English classes. He won the award for having the best piece of critical writing his freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and still has the possibility to go for the clean sweep. He currently takes two English classes: A.P Literature and A.P English Language and Composition. His favorite books are *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Ulysses*. Aside from his academic interests, Michelino celebrates his Italian heritage, speaking fluent Italian and spending time in Italy; he goes by the nickname Michelino because it means "Little Michael" in Italian. Classmate Alex Conrad remarks jokingly that "it's ironic that Michelino means 'Little Michael' because his ego is far from little."

Zach Willert is a modern day renaissance man. Born of humble origins in San Francisco on October 1, 1994, he is now an accomplished doctor who has already served as governor of Washington state and started a successful band. That's how he thinks his life will go in 20 years, anyway. Right now, however, Zach is involved in other pursuits. He plays the French horn for the Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble, which is part of the New England Conservatory. Zach is also co-president of Water Aid International, a member of speech team, and an employee at Rosenfeld Bagels. When asked about his favorite kind of bagel, he replied, "everything." Whether this refers to an everything bagel or every type of bagel, the world will never know. "Wachary Zillert," as those privileged enough to know him call him, says that if he were a type of furniture, he would be a "desk with lots of drawers." As you can tell, "Wachary" is a very deep and passionate person. In his spare time, he advocates for cumquats because he believes the tiny citrusy fruits are often "underappreciated and overlooked."

SPOTLIGHTS



Tennis star Sofie Epshtein has been rocking the South courts since her freshman year. Being named a Dual County League All-Star her freshman and sophomore years, most improved player her junior year, and captain her senior year, Epshtein may be one of the best tennis players South has ever seen. Her success can be attributed to her determination to improve and her years of experience. "Each year I try to get better by spending more time on the court," she says.

When she is not swinging her racket, Epshtein loves to spend time with her friends, her sister, and her dog, Ruby. She also loves to camp on Cape Cod. Some of Epshtein's favorite foods include bread, sushi, ice cream, and pasta, but severe food allergies prevent her from eating many vegetables, such as cucumbers and peppers. Epshtein's favorite class at South is Race, Class and Gender because she "loves the debating aspect of the class as well as the opportunity to get to learn from various perspectives."

Epshtein, born April 19th at Beth Israel Hospital, can be seen driving around in a silver minivan singing along to her favorite radio stations. She hopes to get married in France and eventually retire in either Israel or Europe.

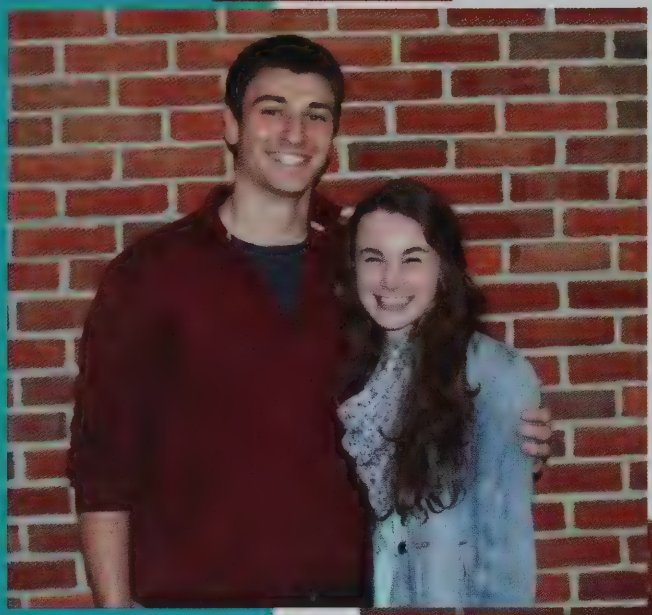
Bryan Sellers is a valuable team player. Having been a member of South's baseball, soccer, and robotics teams for four years, Sellers has participated in a wide range of extracurricular activities. Additionally, he coaches an NAA basketball team with seniors Jack Rice and Sam Casler. Sellers believes that his "teammates bring out the best in [him]." Being involved in so many teams, however, can have its setbacks; for Sellers, these setbacks come in the form of injuries. During a third grade soccer tryout, Sellers decided to stand on top of a soccer ball. Unfortunately, his balance was not yet fully developed and he found himself on the ground with an injured knee, afterward being confined to a knee brace for many months. In the fourth grade, Sellers also broke his collarbone on the playground, resulting in the unforeseen end to his two-year cello career. In the seventh grade during an intense baseball game, Sellers found himself in a "pickle [stuck between two bases]" and his only option was to slide into third base. Little did he know, there was a broken bottle in his path. The shards of glass pierced his skin and landed Sellers in the hospital in need of many stitches. In addition to these major injuries, Sellers has faced thousands of aches and pains, but refuses to give up, "I've failed over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed," he says. Luckily, Sellers has faced very few injuries during his years at South, and this success has allowed him to branch out and discover all that South has to offer.

Sara Gelles-Watnick is always looking for new interests. Currently, she spends much of her time playing volleyball, practicing yoga, playing the viola, and backpacking. But, she is always looking for something new to try! She eventually hopes to "learn to cook and expand [her] knowledge of the wilderness."

Gelles-Watnick's favorite classes are Comparative Government, Psychology, and Neurobiology. Sciences have always been a strong suit for Gelles-Watnick,"I love conducting labs and making predictions," she said. Additionally, Gelles-Watnick enjoys Comparative Government because she is interested in "learning about governments around the world and analyzing problems within them." Gelles-Watnick's favorite book is *The Cider House Rules* by John Irving, and she recommends the book to the entire South community.

SENIOR

Best Smile



Rebecca Heller and Ben Snyder

Most Outdoorsy

Ben Eisenberg and Charlotte Levine

Cutest Couple

Rachel Hargreaves and Paul Vasiloff

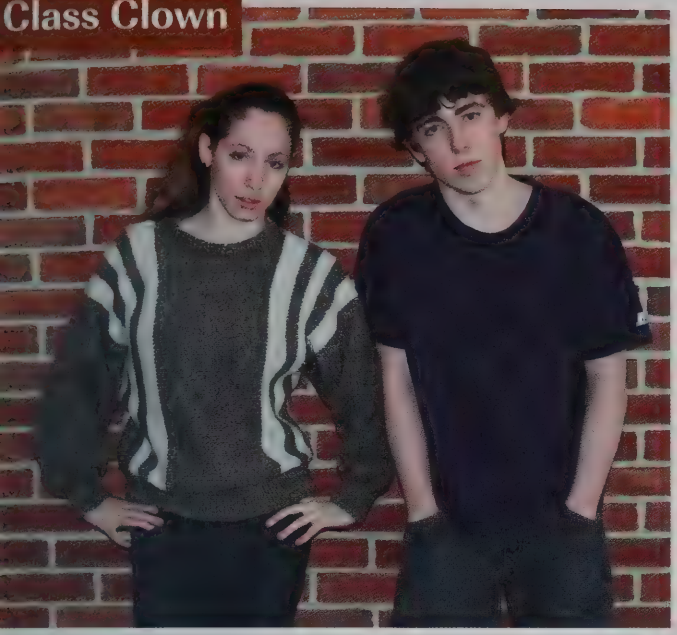
Biggest Coffee Addicts

Maddie Reeg and Julian Geltman

Best Dressed

Noah Rivkin and Kyra Visnick

Class Clown



Alex Conrad and James O' Leary

Maddie Emmett and RJ Hayes

Best Eyes

Most Likely to Be President

Shawheen Rezaei and Dipal Nagd

Funniest

Lydia Basque and Jason Karys

Biggest Party Animal

Annie O' Brien and Zach Carney

Superlatives

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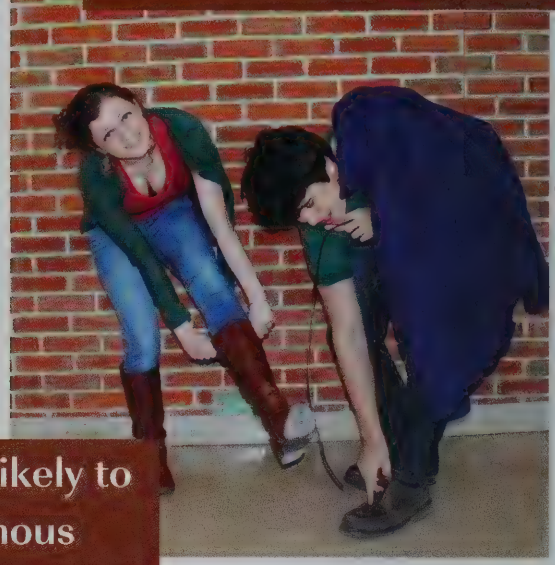
Friendliest

Karen Wang and Jason Chari

Most Likely to Be Late to Graduation



Julia Goldberg and Andreas Betancourt

Most Likely to Be Famous

Alex Levy and Taylor Beidler

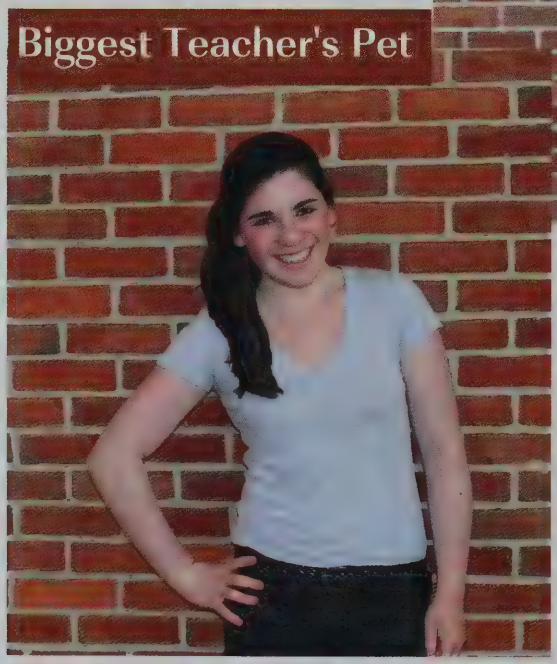
Best Musician

Jonah Fisher

Most Athletic

Kayla Burton and Jeffrey Noymer

Biggest Teacher's Pet



Ally Dellheim

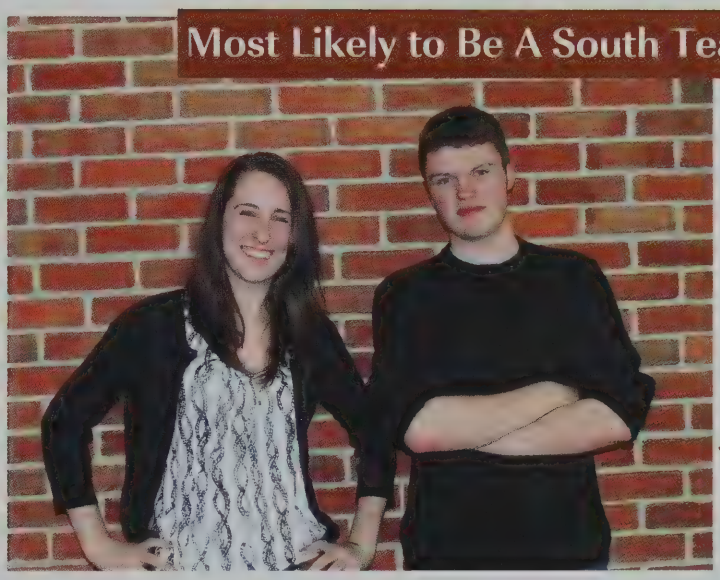
Best Personality

Maggie Whalen and Harley Greene

Most Changed

Jessie Rosen and Shariq Cheema

Most Likely to Be A South Teacher



Mika Gross and Nick Hurney

Most Likely to Be A Newton Parent

Rachel Hurwitz and Zach Eagle

Best Dancer

Gali Cohen and Will Zhang

Most Intimidating

Jenny Olins and Danny Fleming

Superlatives

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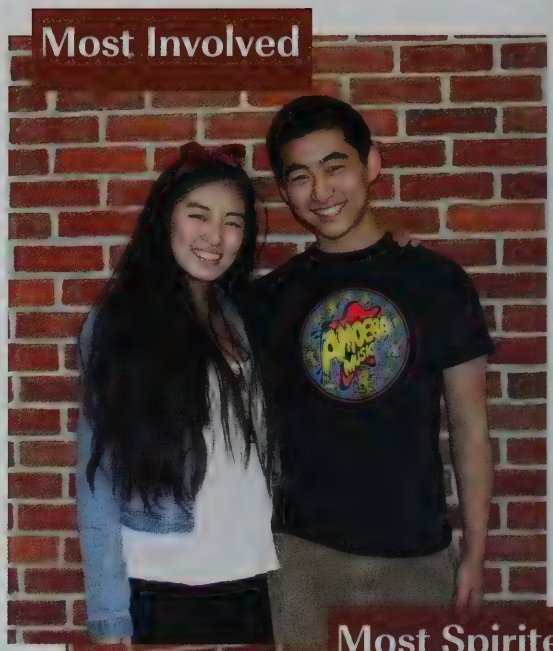
Biggest Hipster

Sophie Scharlin-Pettee and David Rabinowitz

Most Involved



Emily Ho and Yoonchan Choi

Best Artist

Alex Skyrmnyk and Esther Chang

Most Spirited

Chelsea Jones and Chris Keo

Most Likely to Get Married that Aren't Dating

Joe Joseph and Jenny Friedland

Loudest

Zuzana Skvarkova and Michael Sugrue

Best Friends

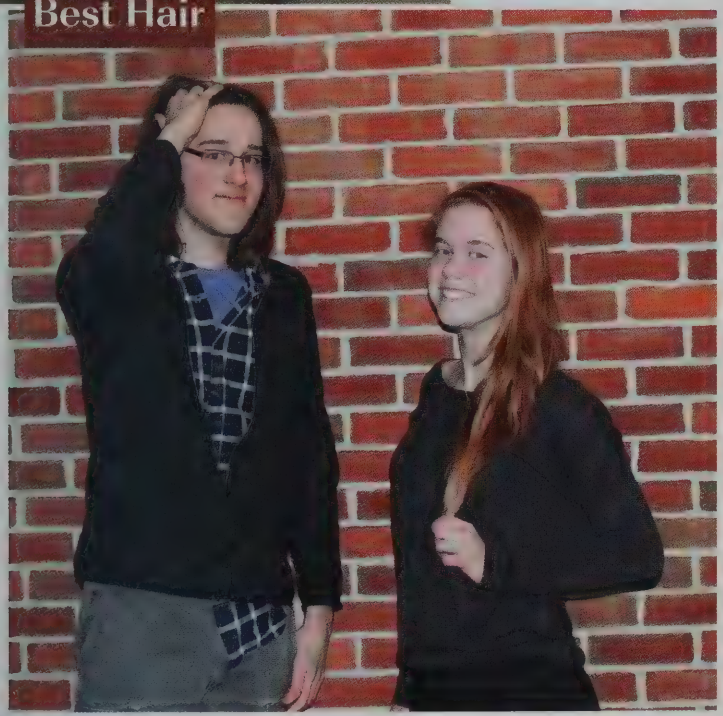
Sophie Swetz and Mike Pezza

Olivia DeAngelo and Justin Brooks

Most Likely to Get Married That are Dating

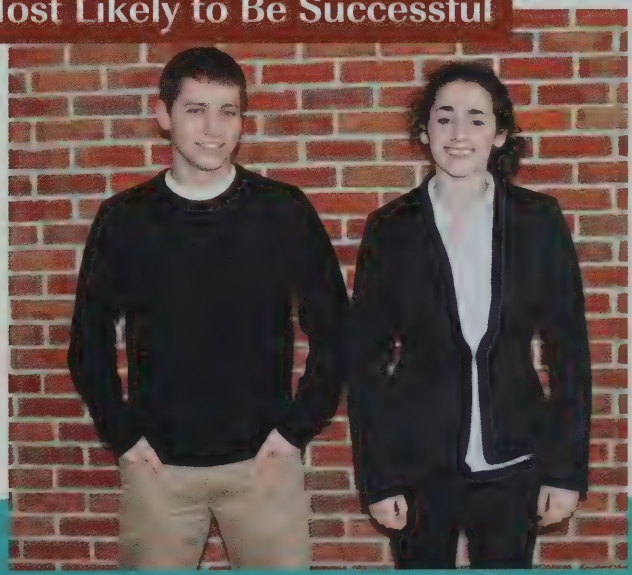
Alexis Wing and Patrick Fabrizio

Best Hair



Mina Willett and Leo Schumann

Most Likely to Be Successful



Rose Taylor and Josh Nislick

Best Laugh

Izzy Collier and John Banks

Superlatives

You know you're

1. You start dreaming about green triangles.

2. You're plotting the demise of the campus aide who ticketed your car.

3. You just received your retirement AARP card in the mail.

4. You Know exactly how long it takes to get to Dunkin' Donuts and back during your free block.

5. #newtonproblems perfectly describes your life.

6. You haven't done homework at home once this year.

7. You plan to name your kids Sandy and Nemo.

a senior when...

8. You still think Yoonchan Choi is class president.

9. #272Winchester.

10. You've witnessed a football or flockey win.

11. The L-bench is so last year.

12. You're Facebook friends with Ae Sook Ghyo.

13. You love the class of 2013...

2+0+1=3

Because it is the only class that adds up!

Senior

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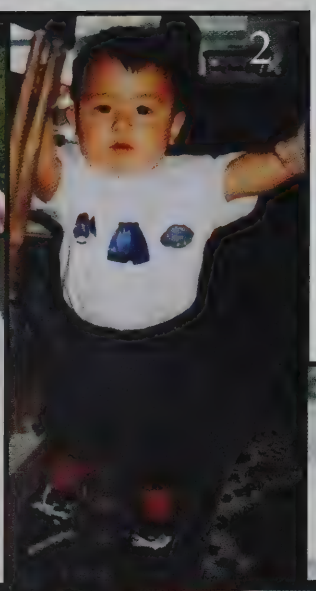
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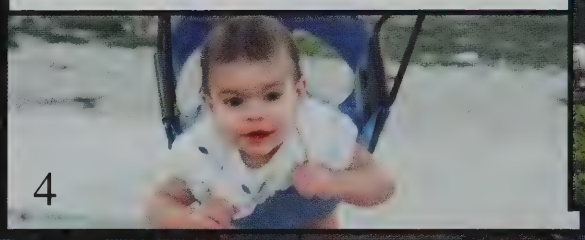
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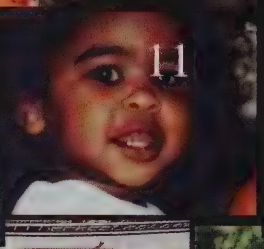
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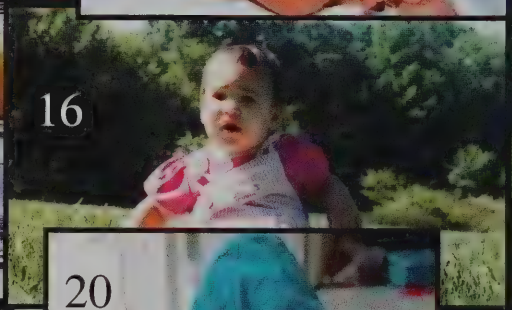
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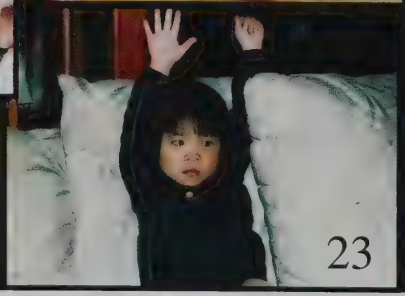
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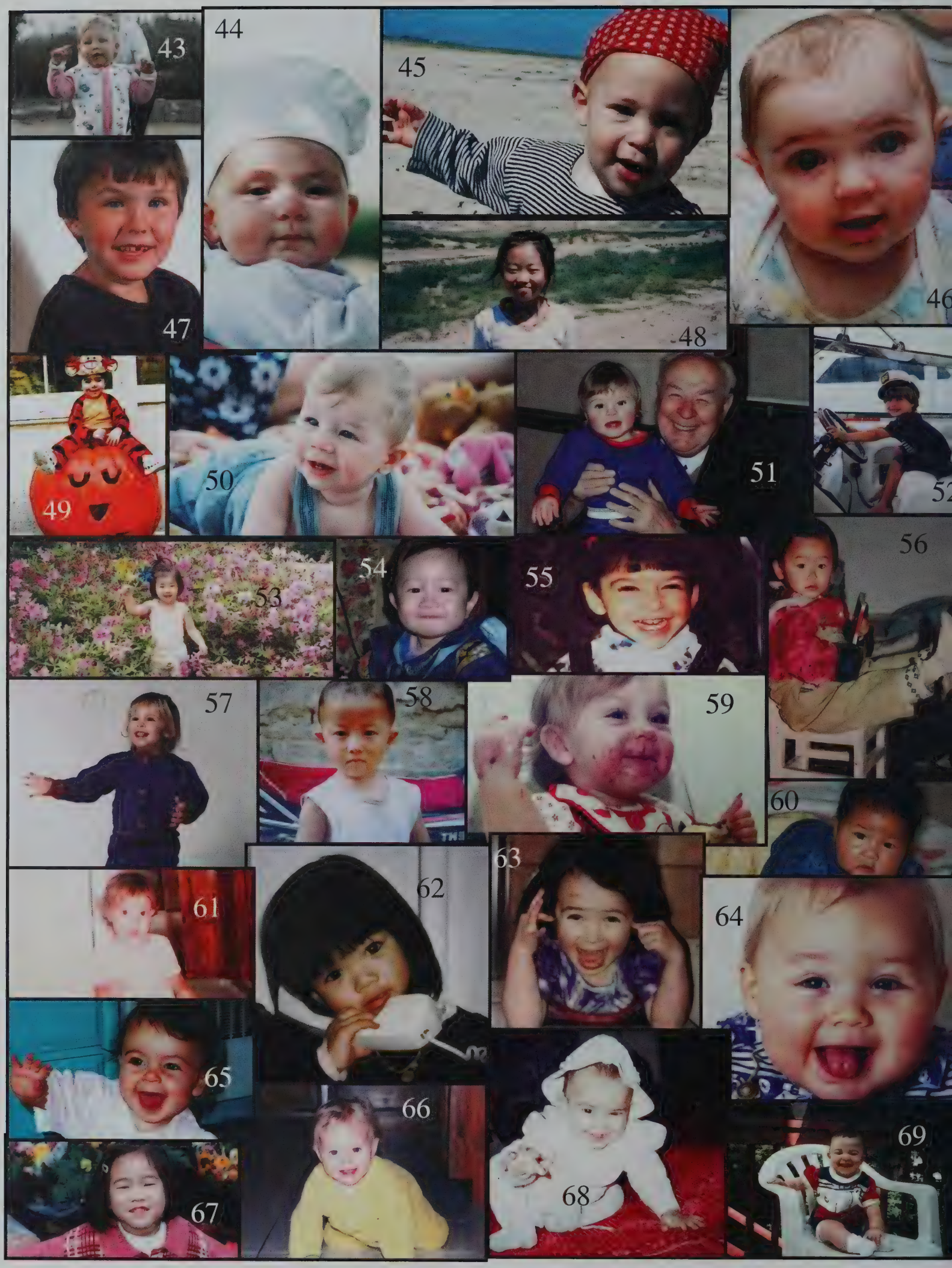
Baby Pictures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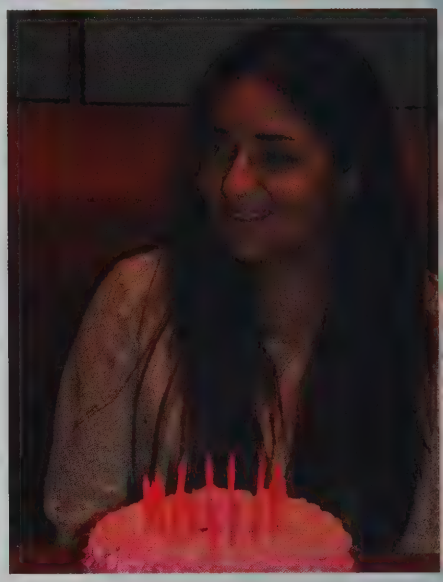
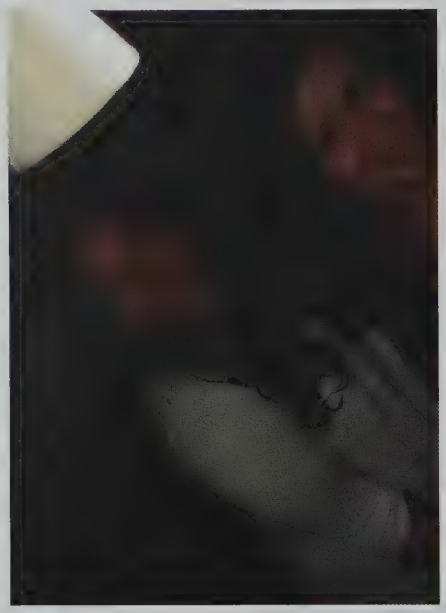
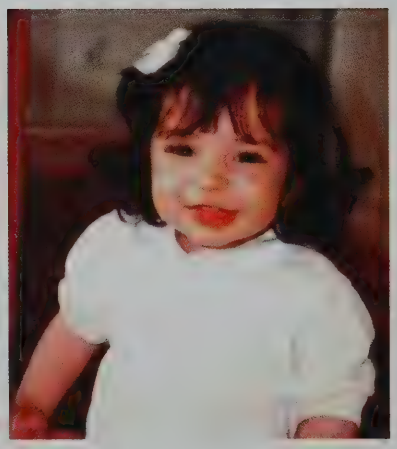
Let's GO

Savanna Tavakoli



Savanna,
The day you were born was the best day of my life. Each day of your life you never fail to put a smile on the faces of everyone around you. Your creativity, intelligence, kindness, and wonderful sense of humor will continue to get you far in life. I am so proud and honored to be your mother. Congratulations.
Love,
Mom





Suzy Landon

CONGRATULATIONS!
We are so proud of you!
You are going to have a great time next year.

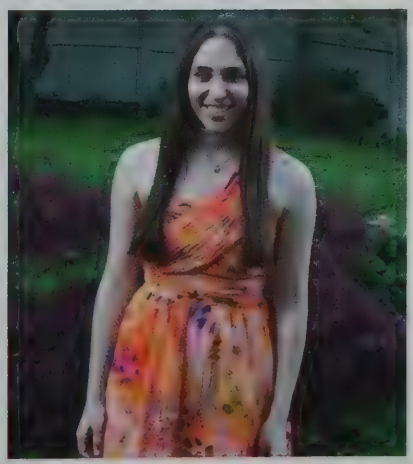
We love you so much!

Mommy, Daddy and Jessica

Emily Sharp

Dear Emily,
Congratulations to you and to the Class of 2013!
We're so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Alex, Jason, and Gregory



Rachel and Francesca

Best Friends Forever!

We have loved watching you grow up together, and we look forward to the next chapter.
Everything is better when you share it with a true friend!

Love, Mom, Dad, Josh and Adam

Zachary Eagle

Congratulations on your 4 amazing years at Newton South. We are SO proud of your accomplishments. We wish you THE BEST at Washington University
We Love You To The Moon and Back
Grandma and Pa-ah

Karissa Borer

Congratulations! We are so proud of the amazing young lady you have become! Reach for the Stars! There is no limit to your talents!
You are always in our hearts!
Dad, Mom, Sarena, Kayla and Alana XO

Zachary Eagle

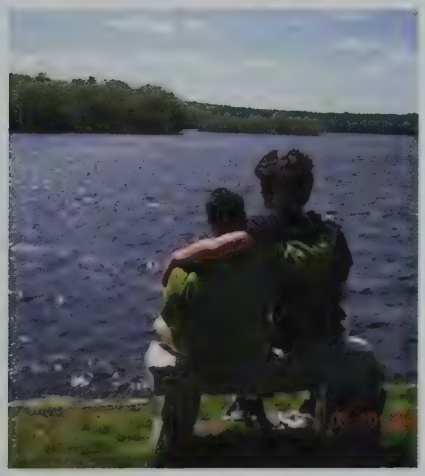
We are SO proud of you for the Amazing person that you are, and for all that you have accomplished!!! You have brought so much love, joy & happiness into our lives!
We love you SO much!

xo Mom, Dad & Haley

Andreas

We're so grateful to be part of your journey. Love and be loved, find your joy, be yourself... and always have milk on hand for your cereal.

Always *(BYAMB)*,
Mom, Pop, and Gabriel



Raquelle Zelada

Raquelle, we are so proud of you! We love you with all our hearts! You are now ready for the next chapter of your life.
Love, Mom, Dad, Olivia, Nana, Auntie Jill & Ken

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" - Eleanor Roosevelt

Congratulations
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Class of 2013

Thank You Coaches For a Remarkable Season!

Clara Abramson, Jodi Batler, Sara Clemente, Abby Coleman, Lauren Cutler, Cate Eberman, Sophie Forman, Lucy Hoffman, Leah McTigue, Jake Medoff, Alexandra Nesson, Annie O'Brien, Lauren Sherman, John Striker, Maggie Whalen, Mina Willett
Coaches: Kim Desto, Lindsay Schoolcraft, Anne Dauchy

Michael Pezza

**Congratulations, Mike!
We are so proud of you.
Enjoy all of your accomplishments.
*You've got the world on a string!***

**With love,
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth & Claire**

Rachel Mollie-

Keep smiling!

We will always adore you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Josh and Adam

Eliza Spiegelman

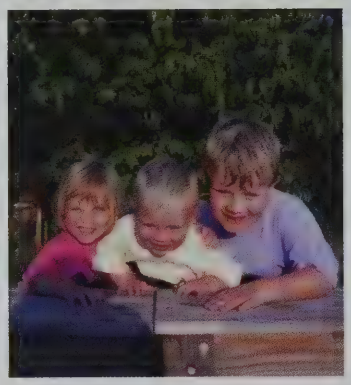
Congratulations to our sweet, silly, smart, kind, beautiful daughter.

Wishing you a future full of everything wonderful!

Love, Mom and Dad

Sam

Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Rebecca and Zachary



Dear Hal - We are SO SO SO proud of you! We love you so much! Mom, Dad, Liv, Em and Bailey

Sima Kasraie

Choosing your own path
Opening up to new possibilities
Never settling for less
Giving of yourself
Rising to the challenge
Aiming for success
Taking Risks
Staying focused

We're so unbelievably proud of you!
Love Dad, Mom, and Javid

Ashton Andrews

Congratulations, Ash! We love you so much and we are very proud of you. Good luck at Temple!
Love Always,
Mom, James, Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Freddy, Aunt Connie, & Robert

Justin Brooks

Congratulations Justin!
We are so proud of you.
Love Mom, Dad, Terese, Kyle, Oreo, Sandy, and Ranger

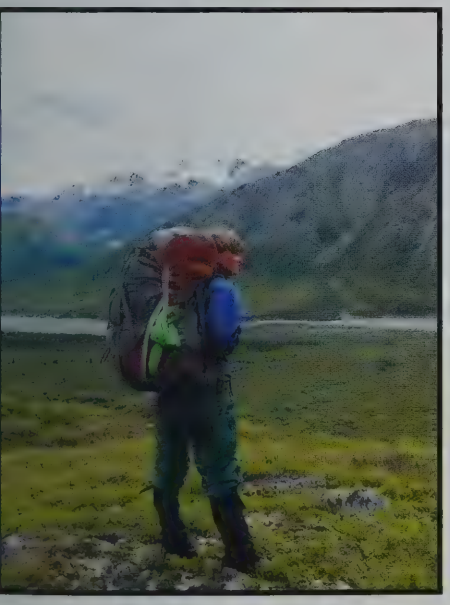
Gabi Kaufman

Gabi, Your infectious passions have enlightened our lives and made us so proud. You go girl! We love you, Mom, Dad, Tasha & Julia

CONGRATULATIONS CHARLOTTE

Congratulations on your graduation! We take pride in your wide ranging achievements as a Newton South Lion. From taming near North Tigers to seeing far North Bears, you have a record of great accomplishment. Your ability to unwaveringly carry a heavy load while sharing your light hearted wit inspires and entertains us. We are very proud of you as you set forth to blaze new paths and scale greater heights.

Grandma Judy, Dad, Grandma Sandy, Grandpa Rob, Mom, Carla, Arthur and Gordon



Joseph Hickey

You're gifted with a lot of common sense, efficient in your actions and know how to get the job done. Nice Work Mr. Happy, Our 110% Man. We Love You, Mom, Dad, Denny, Mazie, Champ & Family

Jordi Baller

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished.

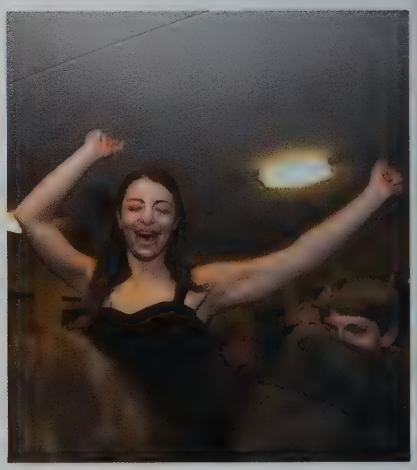
Here's to your future!

Mom, Dad and Phil

Ami Kutzen

Ami,
We believe in you. You make us proud every single day.

Congrats! We love you!
Mom, David, Tali, Ellie, and Henry



Craig

Congratulations to you and the Class of 2013! We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jen, Zach and Max

Dina Bedri

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We are very proud of you and congratulations
Mom Dad & the family

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Halley,
on her graduation from Newton South High School.
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Love, Grammie and Papa

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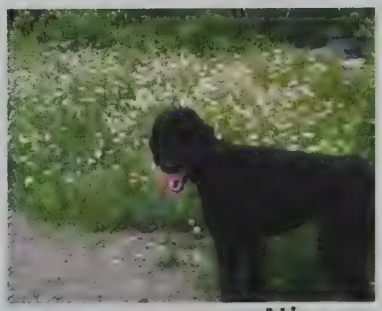
Cate Eberman

We are so proud of you!
xxoo Dad, Mom & Clare



Nic Donnellan

Congrats, Nic!

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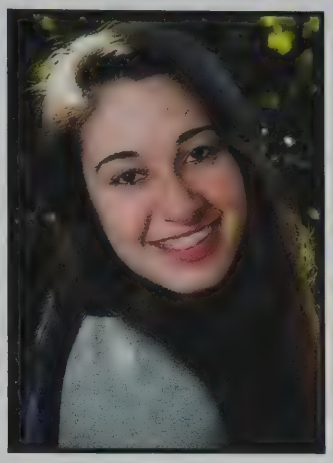

As a small child you were so very insightful and sweet.
Your uncanny wisdom was a most amazing feat.

As a student you showed maturity beyond your years.
You achieved so much. It was music to our ears.

Now is the time for us to cheer;
You have choices for college, we hear!

Hurrah for you, Erin, you are on your way.
You made your dreams happen. What else can we say?

We are so proud of you!

We love you,
The Grandmas...Margaret & Margy

Lee's Place
BURGERS

Congratulations Ben! We are all so proud of you.
With love and pride,

Dad, Kristy and Alex Mom and Nicole

Memories

Oak Hill Middle School Israel 2011
Giant's Championship 2006
Graduation 2009

Halley Belt

Halley,

We are so proud of you!

Where did the years go?
Much love,
Your cousins! Jill, Bugs, Talia, David and Rex too!

HERFF JONES

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